

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CONSENT AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Josh Peters, County Administrator

DATE: July 7, 2025

RE: Resolution: Establishing a Jefferson County Youth Commission

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

On June 23, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners was briefed on the idea of establishing a Jefferson County Youth Commission. Following the briefing the Board directed the then county administrator, Mark McCauley, to bring forth a resolution establishing such a commission.

ANALYSIS:

The attached resolution meets the Board's intent.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

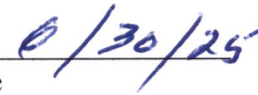
RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution.

REVIEWED BY:



Mark McCauley, County Administrator



Date

STATE OF WASHINGTON
County of Jefferson

**In the Matter of Establishing a Jefferson
County Youth Commission**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) of Jefferson County approved a motion to have the County Administrator bring forth a resolution establishing a Youth Commission for Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Youth Commission in Jefferson County will help the County achieve its 2024-2028 Strategic Plan, Thriving People, Objective 2., which is to: “Increase the availability of youth-focused activities to offer more opportunities for youth to be engaged in community life.”; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Youth Commission will encourage youth participation in local government, which is a high calling and will help develop civic awareness in the youth community; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Youth Commission will provide the legislative body with perspectives they might not otherwise be aware of; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Youth Commission may help to create a more involved body of residents willing to engage in civic life to include taking part in local governance; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Youth Commission may help to create opportunities for local youth to share their concerns and ideas about how to make Jefferson County the most welcoming and enriching community in which youth can thrive;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Whereas Clauses Adopted as Findings of Fact. The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the above “Whereas” clauses as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. Purpose. The BoCC hereby establishes a Jefferson County Youth Commission.

Section 3. Establishment documents. The County Administrator, working with volunteers, will bring forward establishing documents for BoCC consideration once this resolution is approved.

Section 4. Inclusive participation. The County Administrator shall ensure that the establishment effort is inclusive, so as to afford the opportunity to all potentially interested parties to participate, including local school districts, City of Port Townsend, and youth focused organizations in Jefferson County.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this resolution or its application to other persons or circumstances shall be fully valid and shall not be affected.

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

Section 7. SEPA Categorical Exemption. This resolution is categorically exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act under WAC [197-11-800](#)(19).

(SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE)

APPROVED and *ADOPTED* this 7th day of July, 2025.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Heidi Eisenhour, Chair

Greg Brotherton, Member

Heather Dudley-Nollette, Member

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC Date
Clerk of the Board

Philip C. Hunsucker, Date
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney