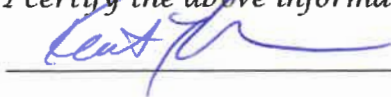


Agenda Summary Report (ASR)

Franklin County Board of Commissioners

DATE SUBMITTED: 01/09/2020	PREPARED BY: Keith Johnson
Meeting Date Requested: 1/14/2020	PRESENTED BY: Commissioner Didier
ITEM: (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brought Before the Board Time needed: 10 minutes	
SUBJECT: Proclamation in Support of I-976, Limits on Motor Vehicle Taxes and Fees Measure (2019).	
FISCAL IMPACT: \$0 (interfund interest expense and revenue are held within county funds)	
BACKGROUND: I-976 was passed by over 1 million voters of the State of Washington with 72% support from the voters of Franklin County. There is a clear will of the voters in Franklin County to support the reduction in car tab fees and taxes collected by the State. King County, Garfield County Transportation Authority and other plaintiffs have challenged the constitutionality of I-976 due to the likelihood that they will receive reduced state transportation funds for projects in their regions, if I-976 is declared constitutional and lawful. This is in support of Pierce County's efforts to sustain the constitutionality and will of the voters of Washington.	
RECOMMENDATION: Recommend the BOCC approve the Proclamation.	
COORDINATION: Keith Johnson, Administrator Commissioner Didier	
ATTACHMENTS: (Documents you are submitting to the Board) Proclamation	
HANDLING / ROUTING: County Administration Copies to Media	

I certify the above information is accurate and complete.



Keith Johnson, Administrator

**PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF WASHINGTON STATE I-976,
LIMITS ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES AND FEES**

By the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, Washington;

WHEREAS, Washington State Initiative 976, Limits on Motor Vehicle Taxes and Fees Measure (I-976), which was intended to reduce the annual fees and taxes charged for registering automobiles and certain other motor vehicles in the State of Washington was subject to a constitutionally held vote of the people of the State of Washington on November 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Washington passed I-976 by a margin of 52.99% in favor, to 47.01% opposed; and

WHEREAS, by clear will of the people, the voters of Franklin County, Washington voted overwhelmingly in favor of I-976 by a margin of 72.21% in favor to 27.49% opposed; and

WHEREAS, Art II Sec 1 of the Washington State Constitution provides the citizens of the State of Washington to adopt state laws by initiative; and

WHEREAS, certain counties and other municipal governments have sought to overturn the will of the people by challenging the legality of I-976 in the courts of the State of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County do hereby proclaim our support for the efforts of Pierce County and other entities to defend the constitutionality of Initiative 976 and support the over 1 million voters of the State of Washington in the action 'Garfield County Transportation Authority, et al., v. the State of Washington, Case No. 19-2-30171-6' and encourage civic leaders throughout the State to support and defend the will of the citizens of the State.

DATED this 14th day of January, 2020.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Chair

Chair Pro Tem

Member

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board