

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the environmental, social and economic health of the Upper and Lower Chehalis Basins, Water Resource Inventory Areas 22 and 23, depend upon sound stewardship of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, a variety of stakeholders (public and private), who share an interest in sound stewardship formed the Chehalis Basin Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Chehalis Basin Partnership seeks to increase public information and involvement to raise awareness related to the Upper and Lower Chehalis Basins; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, September 23, 2006, the Chehalis Basin Partnership will host the first Chehalis River Watershed Festival at Riverside Park in Centralia Washington; and

WHEREAS, the watershed festival is an opportunity for hands-on learning about the water quality and special ecological features and challenges of the Chehalis Basin;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Mason County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim September 17- 23, 2006 as

### **Chehalis Basin Watershed Week**

And urge all citizens of Mason County join us in acknowledging the Chehalis River Watershed Festival and the Chehalis Basin Partnership for promoting the importance of preserving our water resources.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006

Board of Mason County Commissioners

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Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

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Jayni L. Kamin, Commissioner

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Tim Sheldon, Commissioner