

RESOLUTION No. 533

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORKS STRONGLY OPPOSING ANY FORM, VERSION, OR PORTION OF WASHINGTON STATE SENATE BILL 5974, OR ANY BILL WITH SIMILAR INTENT

WHEREAS, the ARTICLE I, SECTION 1 of the Washington State Constitution allows the legislature to prescribe the duties of county officials through laws, but does not allow it to override voters' selection of those officials; and

WHEREAS, the City of Forks and its elected officials find it troubling that the passage of any bill with the language and intent of SB 5974 would set an irreversible precedent of legislative authority over all local elected officials such as prosecutors and judges

WHEREAS, the City and its staff, particularly its police department, have worked seamlessly and effectively with all agents and departments of the Clallam County Sheriff's Department for decades; and

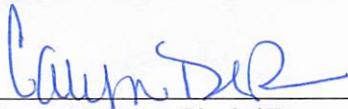
WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Forks and surrounding areas are particularly independent, and appreciate and defend autonomy and local control over the selection of elected officials, including the county sheriff;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Forks firmly rejects any House or Senate bill that requires the confirmation or approval of a non-elected entity of an elected sheriff or any other county official authorized and duly elected under the protection and authority of Washington State Constitution art. I, § 1.

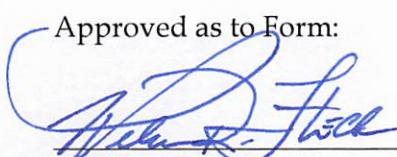
Passed this 26th day of January 2026 by the City Council of Forks

  
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Mayor Tim Fletcher

Authenticated and Attested to:

  
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Caryn DeRew, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to Form:

  
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William R. Fleck, Attorney/Planner