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ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR NEW JOINT AGENCY

At a special meeting held this date, Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency board members approved the appointment of Tom Glover as interim agency director. Mr. Glover currently holds the position of director of the Walla Walla County Community Development Department.

Agency board members Greg Tompkins (representing Walla Walla County) and Jim Barrow (representing the City of Walla Walla), felt this action was important to take as soon as possible, to move ahead with day-to-day activities necessary to meet the anticipated January 1, 2011 date by which the joint agency shall be fully functioning and operating as provided in the intergovernmental agreement that established the agency. The third and final member of the agency board, to be a joint appointment approved by the city and county, will be appointed soon; applications were due today.

Prior and subsequent to the appointment action, both board members agreed as to the importance of the two staffs working together to achieve the goals of the joint agency formation, and lauded employees of the respective city and county departments for their abilities and expertise, which will well serve the public as this new endeavor moves forward.

Mr. Glover said "I thank the joint agency board for their support for me in this appointment. I look forward to serving them in this new capacity, and to working with the staff from both agencies as we begin the process of merging the two departments into one. I am confident the end result will be the product the elected officials had in mind; one that effectively and efficiently serves the public. This is an opportunity to build a really great team; one that is responsive to the public and that carries out the policies established by the elected leadership".

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