



**WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2007-03**

**REQUIRING REDUCED PAPER USE IN COUNTY
OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, Whatcom County places high priority on policies that improve resource efficiency and environmental responsibility;

WHEREAS, the amount of paper consumed by Whatcom County in 2006 used at least 469,000 gallons of water, 950 million BTUs of energy, and emitted 70 tons of eCO₂ in its processing, at a cost to the County of over \$67,000;

WHEREAS, studies have shown that setting printers to default to duplex (two-sided) copying alone saves an average of 10 percent of paper use;

WHEREAS, reducing County paper use by 20 percent would save a stack of paper more than half as tall as the Seattle Space Needle;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Home Rule Charter, I hereby order that Whatcom County Departments use all reasonable means to reduce paper waste in their operations, including the use of duplex printing as the default setting on County machines.

FURTHERMORE, I hereby set a goal of 20 percent reduction in County paper usage over the two-year period of 2007 and 2008.

FURTHERMORE, I request that all County Departments encourage similar conservation efforts among consultants and vendors who perform work for Whatcom County, as well as for contracted printing, copying, and other related services.

FURTHERMORE, I direct all future copier purchases by Whatcom County to give preference to duplex and recycled content capability.

DATED this 17th day of April 2007.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Kremen", is written over a horizontal line.

Pete Kremen, Whatcom County Executive