



PROCLAMATION

WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ERIC BRIAN JOHNSON DAY – MAY 31, 2024

WHEREAS, Eric Brian Johnson, born May 1, 1959, to Ralph and Marilyn Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Eric Brian Johnson was rumored actually to have been born on the planet Krypton and sent to Earth in a small spaceship that landed in the countryside somewhere in Lewis County, Washington, where Ralph and Marilyn discovered him; and

WHEREAS, Eric Brian Johnson, while growing up, also showed a unique interest in sports and athleticism, excelling in team sports and individual achievements, eliciting some rumors of superpowers amongst the regulars in the local barbershop; and

WHEREAS, Eric Brian Johnson even enjoyed a short stint as lead guitar with the Beatles, playing live on stage with the group during a short concert at the County Leaders Conference; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the early “super human” athletic success in sporting pursuits did not continue into adulthood, especially in his golf game, nor did his gig with the Beatles. The rumors that Eric Brian Johnson was the real Superman subsided as they weren’t true; and

WHEREAS, Eric Brian Johnson chose to focus his super skills on serving the needs of the Counties of the State of Washington, first running for and winning two terms as a Lewis County Commissioner. His platform included a promise to provide free burn barrels every year to every resident; and

WHEREAS, Eric Brian Johnson, after his resounding political success, then turned his leadership skills toward working for the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) for nearly 19 years, 16 years as Executive Director; and



WHEREAS, Eric Brian Johnson has chosen to step down as WSAC Executive Director, effective May 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, every county in Washington State will be forever grateful to Eric for his steady and unwavering leadership to counties, during good times and challenging times, for his fierce advocacy and support for county government issues, and for his wise and thoughtful counsel to several generations of County Commissioners, Councilmembers, Councilors, and numerous other county leaders; and

WHEREAS, Washington's State's counties and WSAC and its staff have benefitted enormously from Eric's generous service and guidance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: that the San Juan/County Council celebrates and honors the service of Eric Brian Johnson and proclaims May 31, 2024 as "Washington State Association of Counties Executive Director Eric Brian Johnson Day" in San Juan County.

ADOPTED this 30th day of April, 2024.

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**Jane Fuller, Chair
District 3**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christine Minney".

**Christine Minney, Vice-Chair
District 1**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cindy Wolf".

**Cindy Wolf, Member
District 2**