RESOLUTION of the BOARD FOR JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION of the State of Washington In Support of the Importance of Court Security

WHEREAS, a safe environment is fundamental to the ability to access justice in our Courts; and

WHEREAS employees, jurors, litigants and members of the public have a right to safe and secure courthouses; and

WHEREAS increases in security incidents and heightened threats in courthouses warrant urgent action to improve safety measures; and

WHEREAS our government has a duty to take reasonable steps to provide for security in our courthouses;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board for Judicial Administration endorses and strongly advocates a well-coordinated effort by all branches of state and local government, the Washington State Bar Association, and interested stakeholders to ensure adequate funding and support necessary to provide basic security and safety measures for our courts.

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