



STATE OF WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, The Province of British Columbia and the State of Washington, as neighbors sharing a common border, have established a long-standing relationship of friendship and trust; and

WHEREAS, Through various forms of government-to-government communication, the deepening of their mutual understanding and strengthening of their friendship will enhance mutually beneficial relations between the people of British Columbia and Washington; and

WHEREAS, There are significant opportunities for cooperation between the Province and the State in the areas of trade, 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, environment, tourism, technology, education, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, The Premier of British Columbia and the Governor of Washington met on this day to reaffirm existing cooperative arrangements and pledged to work cooperatively towards further strengthening relations between their respective jurisdictions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Premier of the Province of British Columbia and the Governor of the State of Washington decide to meet periodically to review issues of mutual interest and to monitor progress towards joint cooperative efforts; and

The Premier and Governor will, when appropriate, enter into specific cooperative arrangements on particular matters of common interest. Such arrangements will be incorporated as appendices to this general memorandum of cooperation; and

The Office of the Premier and the Governor will designate officials within their respective government ministries and departments to serve as principal points of contact and liaison to share information and to identify and work on areas in which there can be mutually beneficial cooperation between the Province and the State.

Signed in Vancouver, British Columbia, this 7th day of October 2005.

**GORDON CAMPBELL, PREMIER
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, GOVERNOR
STATE OF WASHINGTON**