

**RESOLUTION**  
**Resolution of Intent to Expand the Flathead Regional Business Center**

*Whereas*, the Flathead Regional Business Center seeks to increase its capacity to assist the citizens of Northwest Montana by creating additional office and conference space to accommodate the expansion needs of existing tenants and to add new strategic partners, who will increase the scope and quality of economic, community, and workforce development services offered in the region, and;

*Whereas*, these partners have joined together with the conviction that regionalization of business resources, one-stop access, and the co-location of programs is the best way to serve the business sectors of Northwest Montana, and;

*Whereas*, the integration of services in a business one-stop center ensures the most cost effective use of funding by reducing duplication and leverages local, state, and federal funding to maximize the services offered, and;

*Whereas*, the 2007 Flathead County Economic Development Strategy set the goal of beginning a multi-year initiative to expand the scope and quality of services offered at the Flathead Regional Business Center, and the 2002 Strategy set the goal to “develop a centrally located business assistance center where many resources, through both individual and coordinated efforts, provide conveniently located services that will attract, assist, and enable the maximum growth and success for our area businesses” and;

*Whereas*, the Flathead Regional Business Center model is identified as one of the strategies that will attain the Governor’s vision of creating a flexible, seamless, demand-driven system that addresses high growth, high demand occupation training needs, while minimizing wasteful duplication of services, and;

*Whereas*, the City of Kalispell has approved resolutions to extend the lease on the Depot facilities through 2041 and to broaden the permitted uses to support and encourage the further development of the Flathead Regional Business Center,

*Therefore*, the Board of Directors for the Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce resolves to use its human and financial resources to plan, finance and construct additional conference and office space at the Flathead Regional Business Center to accommodate the expansion needs of existing tenants and to add new strategic partners, who will increase the scope and quality of economic, community, and workforce development services offered in the region.

Approved by the Board of Directors on September 18, 2007.

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Joe Unterreiner, President and CEO  
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