

## **RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF MELANIE DRESSEL**

We, the colleagues and friends of Melanie Dressel, want her family to know that we gather together with them to mourn the passing of a great woman. Melanie contributed much to the banking industry, the community and betterment of society.

Whereas, on February 19, 2017, the Washington Bankers Association lost a dear friend and valued member of our family in the passing of Melanie Dressel; and,

Whereas, the Washington Bankers Association wishes to recognize and honor Melanie's life and her legacy of public service; and,

Whereas; Melanie demonstrated a great ability to build a team and foster relationships to the betterment of Columbia Bank and community; and,

Whereas; Melanie worked with diligence and vigor to achieve the goals of Columbia Bank, while always taking time to meet with and understand those working with and for her; and,

Whereas; Melanie was a pioneer and leader to women throughout the industry, always encouraging and sharing her story as a way of encouragement and leading by example; and,

Whereas; Melanie served as a member of the WBA Board of Directors since 2003, working to promote the industry and encourage those in her own institution to participate; and,

Whereas; the passing of Melanie, a great community leader, has caused a deep void of sadness in the community; and,

Whereas; Melanie was a valued member of her community, serving on the boards of the Executive Council for a Greater Tacoma, Washington Roundtable, the Arts Fund and the Washington State Historical Society, where no item was too small for her attention; and,

Whereas; Melanie loved her family beyond measure and cherished the ability to spend time with them; and, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Washington Bankers Association celebrates the memory of our friend Melanie Dressel and expresses its heartfelt condolences to the entire Dressel family.

*As approved by the Washington Bankers Association, February 24, 2017.*