

Section 1

Policy Statement and Authorities

A. Policy Statement

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners is committed to compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all related regulations and directives. Columbia County assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or low income, as provided by Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity according to applicable law. Columbia County abides by all federal, state and local laws or regulations applicable to the County. Nothing in this Title VI Plan should or may be construed as imposing any duty or obligation on the County which is greater than any such duty or obligation that may be required by applicable laws or regulations. Columbia County assures that all efforts will be made to ensure nondiscrimination as required by applicable law in all of its programs and activities whether or not those programs and activities are federally funded. In addition, Columbia County will take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to services for persons with limited English proficiency.

When Columbia County enters into a contract with another entity relating to a facility, program or activity utilizing federal financial assistance authorized under a law administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Columbia County will include Title VI language in its written agreements related thereto and will monitor for compliance.

Columbia County's Title VI Coordinator is responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities, preparing required reports, and performing other Columbia County responsibilities as required by 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 200 and 49 CFR 21.



Ron Cross, Chairman

Columbia County Board of Commissioners