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GOVERNOR CHRISTINE GREGOIRE APPOINTS NEW TRUSTEE, JIM GROVES TO BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Bellingham Washington, December 2, 2009 - Bellingham Technical College announces Governor Christine Gregoire's appointment of Jim Groves to Bellingham Technical College's Board of Trustees. His term runs November 2009 through September 2014.

Jim is a longtime resident and member of the Bellingham Community. Currently he serves as the Business & Membership Development Specialist for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 191 (since 2005). Previously he worked as a Journeyman Electrician with IBEW from 1993-2009, and maintains his license. He is also an active Trustee for Northwest Washington Building and Construction Trades Council and a Delegate for Whatcom County Central Labor Council.

"We are delighted to have James as our new trustee," said BTC President Tom Eckert. "His extensive labor relations experience coupled with his real world, hands on experience in multiple technical fields provides Jim with an established understanding of what BTC works to accomplish. He will be a great addition to our board."

Jim and his wife LoBay reside in the Bellingham area, and have six children and nine grandchildren. James once attended BTC and graduated from Bellingham High School. He and his wife are both strong supporters of Habitat for Humanity.

"Jim Groves has been a part of the Bellingham community his entire life. He is smart, thoughtful and intimately familiar with the workforce needs in our community and region. As a Trustee, he will bring both philosophical and practical insights of great value to Bellingham Technical College and the community at large," said BTC Trustee, Mark Asmundson.

"I am honored to be appointed by Governor Gregoire as a Trustee for Bellingham Technical College and feel privileged to serve my community at a school I have attended. I look forward to working with the Board, Staff, Students and Faculty," said Jim Groves, new Trustee, Bellingham Technical College.

Jim joins the existing BTC Board of Trustees, comprising Yvonne Cartwright, Chair; Sonia Arevalo-Hayes, Vice Chair; Jim Cunningham and Mark Asmundson. He replaces Steve Koch.

About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College is part of the Washington State Community and Technical College system and offers 34 associate degree and 57 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to www.btc.ctc.edu

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