

**CITY OF GIG HARBOR
RESOLUTION NO. 481**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, PIERCE COUNTY WASHINGTON, RECOGNIZING THE GREATER PIERCE COUNTY COMMUNITY NETWORK, A TWENTY-THREE MEMBER BOARD, WHICH OPERATES UNDER A LEGISLATIVE MANDATE DIRECTING CITIZENS TO DEVELOP A LONG-TERM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WHICH WILL ADDRESS THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES OF THE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council acknowledges that in 1994, the Washington State Legislature created 53 locally based, non-profit, public Community Networks under RCW 70.190; and

WHEREAS, the task of these Community Networks is to develop and implement comprehensive plans for raising safe and healthy children by actively engaging the public in the planning process in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the initiative is to reduce the problem behaviors of violent delinquent acts, teen substance abuse, dropping out of school, suicide attempts, domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, and, teen pregnancy and male parentage; and

WHEREAS, the plan should include a broad spectrum of integrated services which treat individuals; problems in the context of the family, are flexible in the use of programs resources, and broker services necessary to fully meet a family's needs; and

WHEREAS, the state is giving local communities more power and authority to collaboratively choose how to spend tax dollars on intervention and prevention services and activities within their own communities; and

WHEREAS, the services should be provided in a culturally appropriate and relevant manner; and

WHEREAS, the plan should identify problems early, before situations become irreversibly destructive; and

WHEREAS, the plan should ultimately lead to a future in which all of Pierce County's families are healthy, safe and economically secure; and, all families have access to needed education, health and human services that enhance and strengthen their ability to succeed; and, service providers respect and honor the diversity of communities and families; and, communities support and nurture families; and, will result in more families that will reach their full potential;

WHEREAS, The City of Gig Harbor encourages the Pierce County Health Department to mobilize the resources within our communities to meet the objectives of the Greater Pierce County community network, and

WHEREAS, the city supports Pierce County Council Resolution recognizing the Greater Pierce County Community Network mandate directing citizens to develop a long term comprehensive plan which will address the Public Health and Safety issues of children, youth and families in our local community;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL OF PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are found to be true and correct in all aspects.

Section 2. That the Greater Pierce County Community Network shall be deemed to be an official resource for the City of Gig Harbor for reducing the problem behaviors which stand in the way of families being healthy and safe.

Section 3. That the Greater Pierce County Community Network's mandate by the state to plan for and develop a new social and health service delivery system is supported. This process will be guided by local decision making and will be responsive to the communities needs, while assuring the most effective and efficient use of tax dollars.

Section 4. This resolution shall be effective as of its date of passage by the Gig Harbor City Council.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLVED this 23 day of September, 1996.

APPROVED:

Gretchen A. Wilbert, Mayor

ATTEST / AUTHENTICATED:

Mark Hoppen, City Administrator

Filed with the City Administrator: 9/19/96
Passed by the City Council: 9/23/96