

RESOLUTION NO. 558

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, URGING THIS BODY TO SUPPORT AND ENDORSE THE BALLOT MEASURE TO FUND, WITH A ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX, THE ACCREDITED POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM, NORTHWEST TREK WILDLIFE PARK AND PARKS IN PIERCE COUNTY.**

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WHEREAS, During the State of Washington 56<sup>th</sup> Legislature 2000 Regular Session, Engrossed House Bill 3105 was passed and signed by the Governor, which provided for a sales and use tax for accredited zoos, aquariums, wildlife preserves, and parks if approved by a majority of citizens voting on the proposition; and

WHEREAS, Engrossed House Bill 3105 was accomplished through the dedicated bipartisan efforts of the Pierce County Council and Executive, the Tacoma City Council and Mayor, the Board of Park Commissioners and staff of Metro Parks Tacoma, Washington state legislators, and citizens in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, In this period of tremendous growth, we must maintain and preserve public parks and open spaces for the enjoyment and recreation of the citizens of Pierce County, while also improving the safety and cleanliness of these spaces; and

WHEREAS, In order for the Northwest Trek Wildlife Park to maintain its standard of excellence in preserving and educating the public about species unique to our own Northwest ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, In order for the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, one of Pierce County's most valuable assets and the second most visited public attraction, to maintain its standard as a world class Pacific Rim zoological institution, continue to provide educational, recreational and conservation opportunities and to keep its national accreditation; and

WHEREAS, a prorated share of the 0.1% tax in the approximate amount of \$35,000 will benefit the parks within the City of Gig Harbor; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

The City Council hereby endorses and supports the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2000, measure to fund our regional recreational assets, in order to preserve and improve the quality of life for the benefit of all the citizens of Pierce County.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR**  
**this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August , 2000.**

APPROVED:

  
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GRETCHEN A. WILBERT, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
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MOLLY M. TOWSLEE, CITY CLERK

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 7/19/00  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 8/14/00  
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