



RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION declaring the City of Everett's priority on preserving the availability of a clean and safe water supply for the residents of Everett and the many surrounding communities served by the Everett water system.

WHEREAS, as City Council and Mayor of the City of Everett, it as an honor and privilege to serve our community, it is our great responsibility to protect our natural resources, and the integrity of our water supply. We have heard from community members who have concerns about the protections of and provisions for a pristine and uninterrupted water supply. With this Resolution, we affirm the following commitments to our residents:

- We believe that water is the very essence of life, and the need for its protection must be respected.
- We acknowledge our role as stewards as owner and operator of a safe and reliable regional water supply system.
- We are committed to upholding environmental standards that protect the health of water consumers.
- We are strongly against forced easement acquisition by others that would endanger our water supply either in the watershed or its transmission.
- We must be vigilant in reducing risk to our water supply and protecting it against hazards, violence, destruction and damage, whether natural (e.g., seismic) or man-made, including irresponsible placement of crude oil pipelines in proximity to our drinking water transmission lines and watershed.
- We believe that, as elected representatives of the people of Everett, we have a special responsibility to secure the City's water supply, one of the most vital resources of human existence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR as follows:

Section 1. The City Council and Mayor are dedicated to protecting and securing the City's regional water supply system.

Section 2. The City Council and Mayor are committed to preserving the safety and integrity of the City's regional water source and water delivery system.

Council Member Introducing Resolution

Passed and approved this ____ day of December, 2016.

Ray Stephanson, Mayor

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