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Introduced by: GRUGER

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MOTION NO. 7710

A MOTION supporting the goals of a rally to be sponsored by Washington Advocates for the Mentally Ill on Thursday, October 5, 1989.

WHEREAS, King County has recognized that the current fragmented administration and delivery of mental health services does not provide for optimal results for clients, and

WHEREAS, in 1989 the King County executive, King County council, human resources department, human services roundtable, providers, advocates, consumers, and other local government joined together to successfully lobby the governor and the 1989 legislature to reorganize state funded mental health service on a regional basis and provide more adequate funding, and

WHEREAS, substitute senate bill 5400 signed into law in 1989 encourages the provision of a full range of mental health treatment and rehabilitation services through the creation of regional support networks of mental health treatment and rehabilitation, and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Social and Health Services must allocate an adequate amount of funds to implement 255B 5400, and

WHEREAS, October 1 to 7 has been declared National Mental Illness Awareness Week by the U. S. Congress, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and the Physician Psychiatric Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

The King County council declares support for the goals of the rally to be sponsored by Washington Advocates for the Mentally Ill on Thursday, October 5, as follows:

1 A. Mentally ill individuals in need of care and consumers of
2 mental health services should be primary beneficiaries of funds
3 appropriated on their behalf.

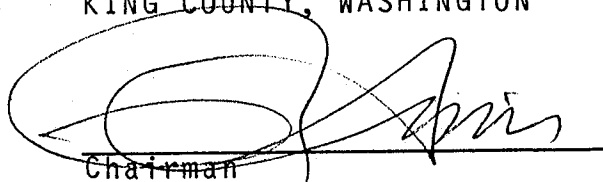
4 B. Washington State must provide adequate support to
5 counties and hold them accountable for developing and
6 implementing a range of appropriate and sufficient services for
7 community care, housing, emergency facilities, employment
8 opportunities, hospitalization, crisis response and outreach for
9 the mentally ill.

10 C. Mentally ill people in urgent need must have immediate
11 access to services and not be turned away or put on long waiting
12 lists at agencies or hospitals.

13 D. Salaries and training for professionals working with the
14 mentally ill must be increased to retain and recruit highly
15 qualified individuals.

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17 PASSED this 2nd day of October, 1989.

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19 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
20 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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22 Chairman

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25 ATTEST:

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27 Clerk of the Council
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