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MOTION NO. 9229

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A MOTION supporting passage of the
Passenger Vessel Development Act by the
Congress of the United States of America.

WHEREAS, Puget Sound cities have been historical ports of
call for passenger vessels destined for Alaskan waters since
the great Gold Creek find of 1880 and the Klondike gold rush of
1896, and

WHEREAS, the Passenger Services Act passed by the Congress
in 1886 prohibited foreign flag ships from transporting
passengers between United States ports, and

WHEREAS, in 1994 every ocean-going cruise ship in the
world but two are foreign built and operated under foreign
flags, and

WHEREAS, according to the National Cruise Ship Alliance,
Americans comprise 85% of all cruise ship passengers, and

WHEREAS, Cruise ship lines destined for ports of call in
Alaska must now leave from Vancouver, British Columbia, and

WHEREAS, Canadian officials report 236 annual callings by
Alaskan bound cruise ships carrying over one half million
passengers bringing \$118 million in revenue to the Vancouver
B.C. economy, while Seattle can claim only seven ships with
2,722 passengers resulting in just \$3.5 million to the local
economy, and

WHEREAS, the Passenger Vessel Development Act would permit
foreign-flag ships to operate between U.S. ports if cruise
lines agree to begin construction of U.S. built replacement
ships within three years, and the act further requires that new
cruise ship companies serving U.S. ports be formed with a
minimum of 51% U.S. ownership and that U.S. flag operations
have preference for permits to enter Alaska's Glacier Bay.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
King County supports the promotion and development of a United
States flag cruise industry through passage of the Passenger

1 Vessel Development Act by the Congress of the United States of
2 America.

3 BE IT FURTHER MOVED,

4 The National Association of Counties is requested to take
5 action indicating its support for the Passenger Development
6 Act.

7 PASSED this 7th day of February, 1994.

8 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
9 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Kent Pullen
Chair

12 ATTEST:

13 Gerald E. Peterson
14 Clerk of the Council

15 Attachments:

Passed by a vote of 9-0-0.