



KING COUNTY

Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse

516 Third Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

March 7, 2017

Motion 14818

Proposed No. 2017-0092.1

Sponsors Dunn, Dembowski, McDermott,
Lambert, Gossett, Kohl-Welles and von
Reichbauer

1 A MOTION commemorating the centennial of the United
2 States of America's entrance into World War One and
3 honoring the employees of King County and the city of
4 Seattle who served in the war.

5 WHEREAS, on April 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson requested that the
6 United States Congress issue a declaration of war to join the Allies in the Great War,
7 which is now known as World War One, and

8 WHEREAS, on April 4, 1917, the United States Senate voted to support the
9 declaration of war, and

10 WHEREAS, on April 6, 1917, the United States House of Representatives voted
11 to support the declaration of war, marking the formal date of the United States of
12 America's entrance into the war, and

13 WHEREAS, more than sixty thousand residents of Washington state served in the
14 Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard during the war, and

15 WHEREAS, those Washington state residents included one hundred twenty
16 employees of King County, both men and women, who left their positions at the offices
17 of the King County engineer, hospital, sheriff, auditor, clerk, assessor, garage,

18 prosecuting attorney, justice of the peace, superintendent of buildings and coroner to
19 serve their country in the armed forces during the war, and

20 WHEREAS, those Washington state residents also included three hundred ninety-
21 two employees of the city of Seattle, both men and women, who at that time worked
22 alongside their King County colleagues at the County-City Building, which is now
23 known as the King County Courthouse, who served their country in the armed forces
24 during the war, and

25 WHEREAS, in 1931, King County and the city of Seattle affixed bronze plaques
26 entitled "Honor Roll of County Employees" and "Honor Roll of City Employees" at the
27 entrance to the County-City Building to honor those employees who had served in the
28 war, and

29 WHEREAS, on May 29, 1931, the Seattle Times wrote of these commemorative
30 plaques, "It is a proper tribute to the men who served this country in its armies of
31 fourteen years ago," and

32 WHEREAS, these commemorative plaques are currently located in the portico at
33 the Fourth Avenue entrance to the King County Courthouse, where they serve as a lasting
34 tribute to the men and women employed by King County and the city of Seattle who
35 served their country during World War One, and

36 WHEREAS, in preparation for the commemoration of the centennial of the
37 United States of America's entrance into World War One, the King County council
38 desires to honor these public employees who bravely served our country during the war,
39 as well as all veterans in King County for their service to our country;

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

41 A. The King County council declares Thursday, April 6, 2017, to be a Day of
42 Honor to commemorate the centennial of the United States of America's entrance into
43 World War One and to pay tribute to those who served their country during the war.

44 B. The executive and 4Culture are respectfully requested to join the King County
45 council and the city of Seattle in the restoration and reinstallation of the bronze plaques
46 commemorating the employees of King County and the city of Seattle who served in
47 World War One. The plaques should be restored and reinstalled by April 6, 2017, the
48 date of the centennial.

49 C. The executive is respectfully requested to propose an honorary name for the
50 portico in which the commemorative plaques are located and to submit the plaques and
51 portico for recognition in the World War One Memorial Inventory Project that is being
52 coordinated by the World War One Centennial Commission.

53 D. The executive and 4Culture are respectfully requested to assist the King
54 County council in planning a fitting tribute for the centennial on the day of April 6, 2017,
55 including developing interpretive materials for the commemorative plaques, assisting
56 with the participation of veterans' organizations in a ceremony and coordinating needed
57 permits and planning for a ceremony to honor the service of King County and city of

58 Seattle employees, as well as all King County residents who served during World War
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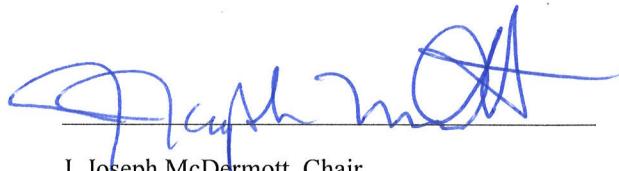
Motion 14818 was introduced on 3/6/2017 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/6/2017, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles and Ms. Balducci

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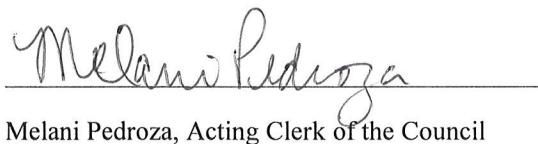
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Acting Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None