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MOTION NO. 8231

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2 A MOTION in support of National County
3 Week and requesting the County Executive
4 to prepare a public information program
5 highlighting the current major activities
6 of King County.

7 WHEREAS, the week of April 7th-13th has been declared by
8 the National Association of Counties as a week to celebrate the
9 importance of county government in our system of governance,
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11 WHEREAS, King County, established in 1855 with a total of
12 155 residents, has grown to a total population in 1991 of 1.5
13 million, and

14 WHEREAS, King County is larger in area than the states of
15 Rhode Island or Delaware, with 2235 square miles, including
16 part of Puget Sound which is the largest navigable saltwater
17 body in the entire United States, and

18 WHEREAS, King County and its cities are involved in a
19 summit process examining major changes in the manner in which
20 the county, Metro and cities are to be involved in the future
21 governing of regional and local problems and issues, and

22 WHEREAS, in 1969, the King County commissioner form of
23 government was revised and became the first county in
24 Washington to adopt a Home Rule Charter, to reduce the number
25 of independently elected officials and establish the checks and
26 balances of executive and legislative branches to govern King
27 County, and

28 WHEREAS, every citizen has a responsibility to be informed
29 on major issues of regional and local significance, and should
30 work for and elect candidates that will represent their
31 interests and work for the overall good of the community in
32 which we live, and

33 WHEREAS, only 39% of the qualified voters of the state of
34 Washington voted in the last statewide election in 1990, and

1 WHEREAS, it is a basic goal of a democracy to have its
2 citizens informed, involved and responsibly voting in state and
3 local elections in order that the will of the people is
4 translated into actions of those elected to govern;

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

6 A. The King County Council supports the symbolic week of
7 celebration of the importance of county government and urges
8 the County Executive, administrative officials, and employees
9 to join with the Council on a schedule of public activities to
10 demonstrate the important role of King County in providing many
11 continuing programs to serve the community.

12 B. King County, the City of Seattle and the suburban
13 cities will be joining together with citizen volunteers to work
14 together during the week of April 13th-21st in a countywide
15 1991 Spring Clean-up campaign.

16 C. The Executive branch is requested to formulate a
17 "Public Awareness of County Government Program" which
18 demonstrates the county's role in protecting the environment,
19 promoting integrated growth management planning and
20 programming, coordinating future growth and development in a
21 manner to protect rural, resource and forest lands, working
22 toward the management of a transportation system of mobility
23 that does not rely solely upon the oil-using single-occupancy
24 vehicle, promoting the increased goals of reducing, reusing and
25 recycling of our materials such as glass, paper and aluminum,
26 protecting the public health and welfare of the families and
27 children in King County, providing surface water management
28 strategies to reduce flooding and run-off, seeking to prevent

1 crime and providing the criminal justice system and courts to
2 protect the rights of all our community and securing the
3 benefits of home rule and self-government.

4 PASSED this 11th day of March, 1991.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Lois North
Chair

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ATTEST:

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Gerald G. Peterson
Clerk of the Council