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Introduced By:

Proposed No.:

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MOTION NO. **10431**

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2 A MOTION reaffirming King County's historical participation  
3 in the National Association of Counties and endorsing County  
4 involvement over the next four years.  
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6 WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) was formed to stimulate  
7 the continuing improvement of county government, to serve as the national spokesperson  
8 for county government, to contribute to the knowledge and awareness of county  
9 government's heritage and its future, to serve as a liaison between the nation's counties and  
10 other levels of government and to achieve public understanding of the role of counties in  
11 the federal system, and

12 WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties is a highly respected national  
13 lobbying organization advocating on behalf of 1,700 counties and the only national  
14 organization representing the interests of county governments before Congress and the  
15 White House, and

16 WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties through its ad-hoc and steering  
17 committees applies the resources of its members toward major issues facing King County,  
18 the State of Washington and our nation such as electric utility deregulation, transportation,  
19 telecommunications, health care, community and economic development, employment,

1 agricultural and rural affairs, arts and cultural resources, environmental and land use  
2 policies, human services, education, criminal justice, public safety, public lands, labor and  
3 employee benefits and taxation and finance, and

4 WHEREAS, in the last several years, the National Association of Counties has  
5 been the moving force behind the passage of several pieces of major federal legislation  
6 such as unfunded mandates, welfare reform and the reauthorization of the Intermodal  
7 Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, and

8 WHEREAS, King County has been an active participant in the National  
9 Association of Counties for thirty-four years, and

10 WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties provides King County elected  
11 officials and staff with opportunities to research, explore and discuss county related issues  
12 with our county colleagues from around the United States, and

13 WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties offers training, legislative  
14 updates and exposure to top elected and cabinet level officials through its legislative and  
15 annual conferences, and

16 WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties has thirty affiliated professional  
17 organizations and caucuses, such as the National Association of Elected County Executives  
18 and the National Association of County Engineers, which provide county elected officials  
19 and professional staff with the opportunity to meet with colleagues from around the nation,  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the King County executive is an elected county official who provides  
22 King County with a valuable and additional voice through the National Association of  
23 Counties' Elected County Executives Association, and

1 WHEREAS, King County supports the continued unification of the National  
2 Association of Counties with its affiliated associations in order to provide a strong singular  
3 voice on county issues, and

4 WHEREAS, in July of 1997, Councilmember Jane Hague was unanimously elected  
5 by the representatives of the 1,700 member counties to serve as Second Vice President of  
6 the National Association of Counties, one of five members of the executive board and the  
7 only member representing the western United States, and

8 WHEREAS, Councilmember Jane Hague is in line to serve a one-year term as the  
9 President of the National Association of Counties beginning in July 2000;

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

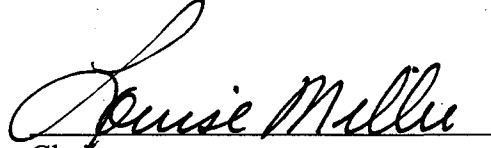
11 A. King County reaffirms its historical participation in the National Association of  
12 Counties and endorses King County's continued active involvement.

13 B. King County endorses Councilmember Jane Hague's participation in the  
14 National Association of Counties and believes her representation of the county on the  
15 National Association of Counties Executive Board will benefit King County by raising its  
16 national profile and highlighting the achievements King County has made in many areas  
17 over the last several years.

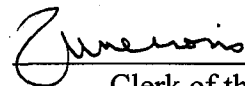
1 C. King County encourages its elected and departmental officials to continue to  
2 pursue leadership roles in the National Association of Counties, its committees and  
3 affiliated associations.

4 PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March,  
5 1998.

6 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
7 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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9 Chair

10 ATTEST:

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12 Clerk of the Council

13 Attachments: none