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Introduced By:

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Proposed No.:

1999-0489

MOTION NO. **10794**

A MOTION recognizing the twentieth anniversary of the
Farmland Preservation Program.

WHEREAS, the quality of life in King County depends on the natural beauty,
diversity and quantity of resource lands, and

WHEREAS, agricultural land provides many benefits to the citizens of King
County including scenic open space, habitat for wildlife and a connection to our cultural
heritage, and

WHEREAS, agricultural land also provides our region with a local food source and
agricultural production contributes to the economic vitality of our area, and

WHEREAS, agricultural land is an irreplaceable resource of which 50,000 acres
were converted to urban and suburban development between 1959 and 1979, and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the King County Council adopted the Farmland Preservation
Program with the objective to keep farmland open and available for current and future
agricultural use, and

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WHEREAS, the Farmland Preservation Program, authorizing \$50 million for the purchase of development rights of high quality farmland, was overwhelmingly approved by King County voters on November 6, 1979, and

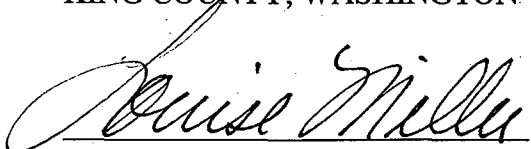
WHEREAS, in 1995, the King County council approved an additional \$3 million to the Farmland Preservation Program through the Arts and Natural Resources Initiative for the purchase of additional development rights, and

WHEREAS, in the last 20 years, the Farmland Preservation Program has permanently protected 12,846 acres of farmland for agriculture and open space uses and has served as a model program for communities across the nation.

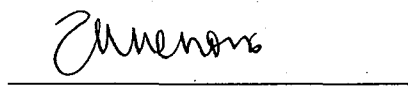
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
The King County council recognizes the twentieth anniversary of the Farmlands Preservation Program.

PASSED by a vote of 11 to 0 this 11th day of October, 1999.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chair

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council