



Metropolitan King County Council

RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving is a perfect time to think about our food and our region's rich agricultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, eating locally grown produce and meat helps reduce fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions; supports our local economy, farmers, and small businesses; offers King County citizens healthy diet choices; and helps preserve our rural communities; and

WHEREAS, farming remains a vital presence in King County, with more than 42,000 acres of designated agricultural land and 32 farmers markets that generate \$12-15 million a year; and

WHEREAS, several agencies have teamed up to support the "Eat Local for Thanksgiving" campaign: Puget Sound Fresh, King County, King Conservation District, Cascade Harvest Coalition, Seattle Tilth, City of Seattle, Neighborhood Matching Fund, Acting Food Policy Council Seattle-King County, Farming and the Environment, and the Washington State Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the campaign's goal is for members of the public to add one or more locally produced product to their Thanksgiving dinner menu this year; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,400 people have already taken the pledge at www.pugetsoundfresh.org and by signing up at local farmers markets and participating grocery stores; and

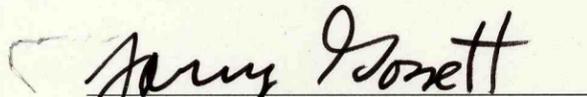
WHEREAS, Puget Sound and Washington state farmers are bringing an abundance of fresh food to markets, including winter squashes and potatoes, farmstead cheeses, eggs, shellfish, and turkeys;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council, recognize the

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campaign and encourage residents of King County to participate by signing up at www.pugetsoundfresh.org.

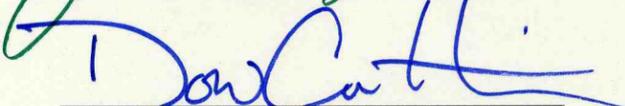
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Larry Gossett, Council Chair

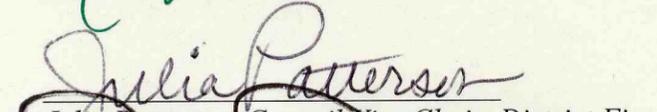

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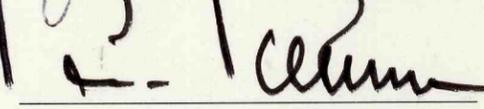

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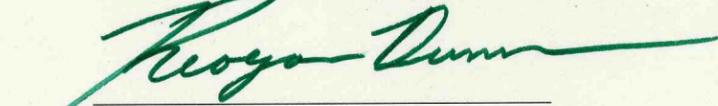

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