RESOLUTION R-5370

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH THE DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC ACCESS AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.

WHEREAS, sudden cardiac arrest is the third leading cause of death for people within the United States, with more than 300,000 cases per year; and

WHEREAS, when left untreated, sudden cardiac arrest survival rates are about 10 percent, and the use of a public access automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) increases the chance of survival to more than 30 percent; and

WHEREAS, King County Emergency Medical Services identifies bystander Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and public access AEDs as two links in the cardiac chain of survival; and

WHEREAS in recognition of this fact, to improve public safety for residents and businesses, the City Council wishes to institute a pilot program to provide public access defibrillators to areas with high concentrations of people; and

WHEREAS, public access defibrillators are most effective when available to agencies or organizations based on criteria that include large concentrations of people, high traffic areas, and local businesses with reasonable expectations of high concentrations of residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized and directed to establish a pilot program whereby the Kirkland Fire Department awards public access AEDs as a grant program to support public health within the boundaries of the City of Kirkland.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 2nd day of April, 2019.

Signed in authentication thereof this 2nd day of April, 2019.

Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:

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Kathi Anderson, City Clerk