RESOLUTION R-___4201

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND.

WHEREAS, for 35 years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has been a champion for conservation and recreation using revenues from offshore oil and gas leases to create parks and open spaces; preserve wetland and refuges; protect habitat; and enhance recreation opportunities. An American success story, LWCF has been responsible for the acquisition of nearly seven million acres of parkland and open space and the development of more than 37,000 state parks and recreation projects; and

WHEREAS, despite the continued success of LWCF and the continued rise in offshore oil and gas revenues, LWCF funds have been consistently diverted to programs unrelated to parks and conservation; and

WHEREAS, the creation of parks, greenways, trails, wildlife refuges, national monuments, and protection of rivers, lakes, and streams has a strong positive economic impact on states and local communities, creating jobs, attracting tourists, increasing property values, and enhancing quality of life; and

WHEREAS, outdoor recreation represents one of the most vigorous growth areas in the U.S. economy. Public lands acquired for conservation and recreation purposes under LWCF support much of this recreation through the creation of little league, football, and soccer fields, hiking and biking trails, and youth sports facilities; and

WHEREAS, with the millennium upon us, a unique and bipartisan coalition of governors, mayors, county officials, conservation and park leaders, and the recreation industry have come together to support LWCF.

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

Section 1. The City of Kirkland declares its support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, America's Champion for Parks and Conservation!

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in regular, open meeting this <u>10th</u>day of <u>August</u>, 1999.

Signed in authentication thereof this 10th day of August , 1999.

MAYOR

Attest:

Deputy City Clerk

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