RESOLUTION R-4488

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND EXPRESSING A PARTNER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON.

WHEREAS, the cities of Kirkland and Walla Walla acknowledge the importance of fostering cross-state understanding and relationships; and

WHEREAS, the parties hope to forge ties between residents and governments of the respective cities; and

WHEREAS, the parties anticipate mutual benefit in working cooperatively to address legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize the value of encouraging the flow of creativity and ideas through cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to collaborate on economic, transportation, and trade issues facing each side of the state; and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize the benefits of working together to generate economic activity through cross-promotion of tourism and business opportunities in each city; and

WHEREAS, the parties anticipate mutual benefit in sharing staff expertise and training.

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

Section 1. The City of Kirkland and the City of Walla Walla plan to work together to enhance current programs and to develop new projects, including pursuing the list of priority ideas for cooperation that have been developed to date.

Section 2. In reference to the cooperative efforts between the City of Kirkland and the City of Walla, the cities will be designated to be "Partner Cities."

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this <u>lst</u> day of February, 2005.

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