RESOLUTION NO. M-1672

RESOLUTION COMMITTING THE CITY OF OLYMPIA TO AFFIRM "INCLUSION" AS ONE OF ITS CORE COMMUNITY VALUES AND JOINING THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES PARTNERSHIP FOR WORKING TOWARDS INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, cities and towns are the best and most effective place to make inclusiveness an everyday priority and core value; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials can and should lead these efforts in making inclusiveness a priority in America's cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia Youth Diversity Committee and its members believe an inclusive community promotes equal opportunity and fairness, as well as citizen participation and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities has designed the *Partnership for Working Towards Inclusive Communities* to support cities and towns in their commitment to inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia Youth Diversity Committee has requested that the City of Olympia join the growing partnership of communities affiliated through the National League of Cities program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Olympia, Washington on behalf of its citizens, that we hereby affirm "inclusion" as a fundamental aspect and core value of our community, pledge to actively support efforts to achieve this goal, and urge all citizens of Olympia to join together to support this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Olympia join the *Partnership for Working Towards Inclusive Communities*, a program of the National League of Cities.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL, this 10th day of July 2007.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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