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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, recognizing the Greater Pierce County Community Network, a twenty-three member board, which operates under a legislative mandate directing citizens to develop a long-term comprehensive plan which will address the public health and safety issues of the children, youth, and families in their local communities

WHEREAS, the Lakewood City Council acknowledges that in 1994, the Washington State Legislature created 53 locally based, non-profit, public Community Networks under RCW 70.190; and,

WHEREAS, the task of these Community Networks is to develop and implement comprehensive plans for raising safe and healthy children by actively engaging the public in the planning process in their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, the intent of the initiative is to reduce the problem behaviors of violent delinquent acts, teen substance abuse, dropping out of school, suicide attempts, domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, and, teen pregnancy and male parentage; and,

WHEREAS, the plan should include a broad spectrum of integrated services which treat individuals' problems in the context of the family, are flexible in the use of programs resources, and broker services necessary to fully meet a family's needs; and,

WHEREAS, the state is giving local communities more power and authority to collaboratively choose how to spend tax dollars on intervention and prevention services and activities within their own communities; and,

WHEREAS, the services should be provided in a culturally appropriate and relevant manner; and,

WHEREAS, the plan should identify problems early, before situations become irreversibly destructive; and,

WHEREAS, the plan should ultimately lead to a future in which all of Lakewood's families are healthy, safe and economically secure; and, all families have access to needed education, health and human services that enhance and strengthen their ability to succeed; and, service providers respect and honor the diversity of communities and families; and, community support and nurture families; and, will result in more families that will reach their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES, as Follows:

Section 1. That in light of the above recitals the Greater Pierce County Community Network shall be deemed to be an official resource for the City of Lakewood for reducing the problem behaviors which stand in the way of families being health and safe.

Section 2. That the Greater Pierce County Community Network's mandate by the state to plan for and develop a new social and health service delivery system is supported. This process will be guided by local decision making and will be responsive to the communities needs, while assuring the most effective and efficient use of tax dollars.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 15th day of April, 1996.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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