

RESOLUTION NO. 1850

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING GOALS AND PRIORITIES TO SUPPORT YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS IN BONNEY LAKE.

WHEREAS, strong families form the backbone of strong communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bonney Lake considers the health and well-being of its youth and families an important community goal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bonney Lake recognizes that public safety, economic development, fiscal stability, a strong workforce, and an educated citizenry all depend on stable families; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that municipal leaders can play a key role by taking action on behalf of children, youth, and families, and finds it in the community interest to promote those measures designed to maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society; and

WHEREAS, many other cities have adopted resolutions adopting various goals for supporting and strengthening youth and families, and promoting effective city-school collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the National League of Cities' City Platform for Strengthening Families and Improving Outcomes for Children and Youth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bonney Lake is currently participating in many programs to strengthen youth and families through the provision of park and recreation programs, special events; domestic violence assistance, police citizens academy, crime prevention programs, school district support, library district support, clothing and food bank support, and many other family friendly programs, actions and activities; and

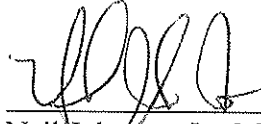
WHEREAS, the City of Bonney Lake is committed, within the limits of available resources, to take additional specific actions to support Bonney Lake families;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Washington hereby resolves to develop and/or support a variety of strategies, goals, actions and programs to support and strengthen Bonney Lake youth and families, including but not limited to:

1. Continuing support of the joint Bonney Lake/Sumner/School District recreation program;
2. Continuing to build parks and trails to serve youth and families;
3. Pursuing the development of a YMCA or other community recreation and service center;
4. Establishing a Youth Advisory Group;
5. Establishing a Youth Citizen's Academy;
6. Continuing support for the Bonney Lake Food Bank and Lions Club Clothing for Kids Bank;

7. Continuing to participate in the Communities for Families and Community Summit program coordinated by the Sumner School District; and
8. Providing resource materials on the City's website and at City facilities to support youth and families.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 27th day of May, 2008.




Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Harwood T. Edvalson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



James J. Dionne, City Attorney

