



Resolution No. R2006-47

A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Proclaiming April 21-23, 2006, as "Pierce County Relay for Life Weekend" in Pierce County, Washington.

Whereas, the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society, "The Relay for Life," is a fun-filled, overnight event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones, and raise money for the fight against cancer; and

Whereas, 2005 was the first year that the number of deaths from cancer decreased, and this year celebrates the 21st anniversary of the Relay for Life; and

Whereas, from the first Relay for Life in May of 1985 that was held in the City of Tacoma, these events have grown to include more than 4,000 communities in our nation and eight foreign countries raising funds for cancer research, patient services, and advocacy programs; and

Whereas, in Pierce County alone, the Relay for Life event has generated over ten million dollars, and donations nationwide have surpassed the one billion dollar mark; and

Whereas, the weekend of April 21-23, 2006, will be the first of ten Relays to be held in Pierce County communities through August, with a goal of raising two million dollars; and

Whereas, this year over 2,000 cancer survivors will be celebrated at Pierce County Relays during special survivor and luminary services; and

Whereas, Pierce County Relays are sponsored in part by many local businesses throughout the Pierce County area; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society will continue to provide research, education, services, and advocacy for all those touched by cancer; **Now Therefore**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Council of Pierce County:

The weekend of April 21-23, 2006, is hereby declared "Pierce County Relay for Life Weekend" in Pierce County, Washington, and all citizens of Pierce County are encouraged to recognize and participate in the Relay events in our community.

ADOPTED this 18th day of April, 2006.

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Pierce County, Washington

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ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council