



Resolution No. R2008-43

A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Encouraging All of Pierce County to Take Part in the Pierce County READS Program, and Proclaiming April 26, 2008, as "Pierce County READS Day" in Pierce County, Washington.

Whereas, the written word has the power to lift our spirits and bring us to tears, allowing us to explore in our imagination worlds and ideas that could not otherwise exist; and

Whereas, reading can unite a community around a shared experience, which is the premise of the Pierce County Library System's Pierce County READS program, taking place from February through April, 2008; and

Whereas, for the first time, people throughout Pierce County will read the same book, *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*, take part in free programs, and join reading groups to discuss the book; and

Whereas, nearly 5,000 books and audio books from *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* series have been checked out of Pierce County libraries since Pierce County READS began on February 3rd; and

Whereas, the culmination of the three-month program will be on April 26th, when readers will have the chance to meet the book's award-winning author, Alexander McCall Smith, at a free event at 7 p.m. at Pacific Lutheran University's Olson Auditorium; and

Whereas, Pierce County READS would not be possible without the vision of the Pierce County Library System and its many collaborators and sponsors, including KeyBank's Key Foundation and *The News Tribune*; and

Whereas, by reading together during Pierce County READS, our County's residents will have a rare but precious opportunity to begin a shared discussion that will help us to better understand the book, each other, and maybe even ourselves; **Now, Therefore**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Council of Pierce County:

The Pierce County Council encourages all Pierce County residents to participate in Pierce County READS and proclaims April 26, 2008, as "Pierce County READS Day" in Pierce County, Washington.

ADOPTED this 8th day of April, 2008.

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Pierce County, Washington

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