

SENATE RESOLUTION

8615

By Senators Nelson, Wellman, Cleveland, Saldaña, McCoy, Billig, Chase, and Liias

1       WHEREAS, Founded in 1989, the West Seattle Helpline has  
2 continued, year by year, to embody its founding principle and  
3 enduring philosophy: Neighbors helping neighbors; and

4       WHEREAS, The West Seattle Helpline is devoted to helping the most  
5 vulnerable families and individuals throughout the city. Quoted as  
6 often doing the "work that is left undone," the West Seattle Helpline  
7 offers a range of services with the purpose of aiding people through  
8 unforeseen hardships so that they may stand back up on their feet and  
9 regain self-sufficiency; and

10       WHEREAS, Those who are unable to power their homes, maintain  
11 running water, or in danger of ending up on the street, who have come  
12 to the West Seattle Helpline, have been helped to ease their  
13 circumstances, find hope, and see a light at the end of the tunnel;  
14 and

15       WHEREAS, Those who have struggled to get to the doctor, a job  
16 interview, or take their children to school, who have come to the  
17 West Seattle Helpline, have been provided with transportation to get  
18 to where they need to go, allowing them to take another step closer  
19 to independence; and

20       WHEREAS, Those infants, children, teens, adults, and aspiring  
21 professionals in such great need that even clothing has become a  
22 luxury, who have come to the West Seattle Helpline, have left with a  
23 shirt on their back, or a coat, or a tie, or a school uniform, etc.;

1 and because of the West Seattle Helpline's devoted service, they  
2 have also left with more confidence in themselves and in their  
3 capacity to regain stability; and

4 WHEREAS, With the help of the public and several community  
5 partners, the West Seattle Helpline has spent thousands of  
6 dollars helping numerous individuals and families; doing so  
7 while consistently treating those members of the community with  
8 the utmost dignity and respect required of a good neighbor; and

9 WHEREAS, It's great work has not gone unnoticed, and the  
10 West Seattle Helpline recently won the 2016 Nonprofit of the  
11 Year award from the West Seattle Chamber of Commerce; and

12 WHEREAS, The West Seattle Helpline will continue to be a  
13 beacon of goodwill and unity throughout Seattle and the State of  
14 Washington and will continue to inspire, amongst people, the  
15 principle of neighbors helping neighbors;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
17 Senate honor the West Seattle Helpline and recognize all of the  
18 partners and individuals who support it.

19 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,  
20 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
21 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8615,  
22 adopted by the Senate  
23 March 30, 2017

24 HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
25 Secretary of the Senate