

RESOLUTION 265

CITY OF LACEY

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Whereas the County Commissioners of Thurston County established the Mason-Thurston Community Action Council pursuant to that Act; and

Whereas the Mason-Thurston Community Action Council has served as the vehicle for a total mobilization against poverty in Thurston County; and

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Whereas those funds are being used to carry out a wide range of programs in public and private institutions which have the affect of reducing poverty and meeting the needs of 4,065 families; and

Whereas the President of the United States has expressed his intention to discontinue both the Office of Economic Opportunity and the Community Action Programs, effective June 30, 1974; and

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Whereas continuation of Community Action Programs is sorely needed in the disadvantaged communities of Thurston county; and

Whereas Thurston County does not possess the revenue necessary to assume this federal responsibility; and

Whereas the Federal Government must not be permitted to abandon a full committment to the elimination of the poverty;

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that the President and the Congress be called upon to continue to provide funds to support the Community Action Program. Such funds shall be administered through the Office of Economic Opportunity or some other appropriate vehicle.


Be it further resolved that an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board of Directors of Mason-Thurston Community Action Council be established and directed to convene concerned and interested citizens and organizations for the purpose of defining ways for the people of Thurston County to express themselves concerning the dissolution of programs for the poor, and the copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and all members of the Washington delegations in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1974.

  
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MAYOR

  
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ATTEST:

  
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CITY ACCOUNTANT

APPROVED AS TO FORM

  
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P.O. Box 400 - Phone 426-3222  
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April 26, 1974

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WHEREAS, The state and local governments of Washington do not possess the revenues necessary to continue these programs; and

WHEREAS, The Federal government should commit itself fully to the elimination of poverty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate, that the President of the United States and the Congress continue to provide funds to support the Community Action Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate and the members of the Washington State Congressional delegation.

I, Sid Snyder, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 1974-265, adopted by the Senate April 23, 1974.

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SID SNYDER  
Secretary of the Senate

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