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RESOLUTION NO. 322

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN WASHINGTON STATE AND URGING THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS SENATE BILL 6239 AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS THE RESPECT FOR MARRIAGE ACT

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline believes that all individuals, regardless of gender or sexual orientation, should be granted the freedom to marry; and

WHEREAS, marriage equality is essential for the establishment and protection of strong healthy families and relationships; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Regular Session of the Washington State Legislature is considering the adoption of Senate Bill 6239, introduced in January 2012, which will end discrimination in marriage based on gender and sexual orientation, while respecting the religious freedom of religious institutions to determine for whom to perform marriage ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, same-sex couples are denied over 1,000 rights and responsibilities under federal law due to the failure to recognize marriage equality, which have dramatic impacts on the health and well-being of families, including increased tax burdens, denial of health benefits, and risk of deportation of mixed-nationality families; and

WHEREAS, the Respect for Marriage Act, which would repeal the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage by recognizing individual's as being married if the marriage is valid in the State where the marriage was entered into, has been introduced in both houses of the United States Congress; now therefore

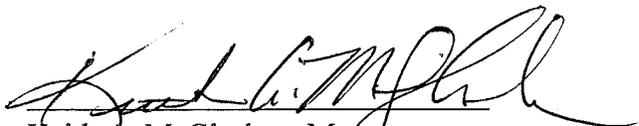
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Shoreline fully supports marriage equality in Washington State and urges the Washington State Legislature, in its 2012 Regular Session, to pass Senate Bill 6239, ending discrimination in marriage based on gender and sexual orientation in the State of Washington.

Section 2. The City Council also supports marriage equality at the national level and urges the United States Congress to pass the Respect for Marriage Act ensuring that legally married same-sex couples be granted the same rights, responsibilities and obligations granted heterosexual married couples under federal law.

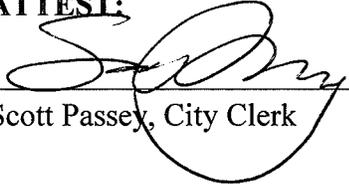
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 6, 2012.

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Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Scott Passey, City Clerk