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RESOLUTION NO. 286

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING THE SHORELINE HISTORICAL MUSEUM REMAINING IN THE RONALD SCHOOL BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Historical Museum preserves, records and interprets the history of the Shoreline area and its relationship to the Northwest, and houses several permanent and many temporary exhibits providing excellent educational opportunities for all citizens to learn about the area's past, and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Historical Museum has been located at the historic Ronald School since 1976, and

WHEREAS, the Ronald School is the oldest public building in the area, having been established in 1906, and was named after Judge James T. Ronald, a prominent area attorney, Mayor of Seattle in 1892 and 1893, and King County Superior Court Judge from 1909 to 1949, and

WHEREAS, the current brick schoolhouse and bell tower were built in 1912, and continued to be used as a school until 1971, and

WHEREAS, after the closure of the building as a school, the Shoreline School District, together with individuals from the community and the original Shoreline Historical Society, created a community museum in the facility in 1976 as part of a Bicentennial Project, and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline School District deeded the Ronald School building to the Shoreline Historical Museum in 1989 for the Community to use as a museum, and

WHEREAS, the Ronald School building achieved King County Community Landmark status in 1989 and was designated as an official Shoreline Landmark in 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline School District is undergoing much needed planning for the replacement and modernization of both Shorecrest and Shorewood High School buildings to create safe and secure environments focused on preparing the community's youth for the future, and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports both the mission and current location of the Shoreline Historical Museum and the Shoreline School District's current planning efforts to replace and modernize the Shorecrest and Shorewood High School buildings, and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Historical Museum has been explored by more than 25,000 schoolchildren since its inception and it is visited and used as a community meeting place by 10,000 people a year, and

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WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the community to keep the Shoreline Historical Museum housed in the historic Ronald School, because the Museum highlights our School District as a vital element of our City's history which is based on quality educational values as the foundation of our community, and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes there is an opportunity for the Shoreline Historical Museum to be a valuable resource to the Shoreline School District at its current location in the heart of our future "town center" district, where it could incorporate the Museum's exhibits and programs into school curriculum.

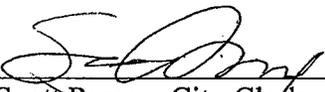
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Shoreline hereby expresses its support for the continued location and operation of the Shoreline Historical Museum at the historic Ronald School, and respectfully urges that the Shoreline School District include the continuation of the Shoreline Historical Museum at its current location in the School District's replacement and modernization plans for Shorewood High School.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 26, 2009.


Cindy Ryu, Mayor

ATTEST:


Scott Passey, City Clerk