ORIGINAL

RESOLUTION NO. 331

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN WASHINGTON STATE AND APPROVAL OF REFERENDUM 74

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, on February 13, 2012, Governor Chris Gregoire signed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6239 ending 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, on June 12, 2012, the Washington Secretary of State's Office certified that enough signatures had been turned-in from Washington voters placing Referendum 74 on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, Referendum 74 asks Washington voters to approve or reject Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6239 concerning marriage for same-sex couples, modified domestic-partnership law, and religious freedom; now therefore

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

<u>Section 1.</u> The City Council of the City of Shoreline fully supports marriage equality in Washington State and supports approval of Referendum 74, ending discrimination in marriage based on gender and sexual orientation in the State of Washington.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2012.

Keith A. McGlashan, Mayo

ATTEST:

Scott Passey, City Clerk