

RESOLUTION NO. 249

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE,
WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING THE AUTOMATED
FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AFIS) LEVY AT
THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2006 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION**

WHEREAS, AFIS is the voter-approved, levy-funded countywide Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System Program, a valuable public safety tool that quickly assists criminal justice agencies to fingerprint and identify arrested individuals or suspects of crimes; and

WHEREAS, the AFIS Program's primary functions are to capture fingerprints and palm prints from subjects, to store fingerprints in databases, to search and identify individuals from fingerprints in order to solve crimes by identifying prints left at crime scenes, and to share fingerprint and arrest data with other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, through 2005, AFIS has assisted detectives in solving 17,141 crimes with unidentified suspects by capturing finger and palm prints from every subject booked into jail, storing those fingerprints in an electronic database, and using those prints to match against prints left behind at crime scenes; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 alone, AFIS identified 1,058 individuals who gave false names at the time of arrest and at least 302 of those had outstanding warrants for other crimes; and

WHEREAS, at the State Primary Election on September 19, 2006, King County voters will be presented with a ballot measure to approve the six-year levy at a rate of 5.68 cents per \$1,000 assessed value, which is less than last period's levy rate, and will provide enhanced further outreach to suburban communities; and


WHEREAS, the Shoreline Police Department has benefited from the use of AFIS equipment; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with RCW 42.17.130, the public meeting notice included the title and number of the King County AFIS levy and members of the public were given equal opportunity to give testimony on the measure.

**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 hereby declares its support for and encourages approval of the King County AFIS levy, which will be presented to the voters at the September 19, 2006 State Primary Election.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 28, 2006.



Mayor Robert Ransom

ATTEST:



Scott Passey, CMC
City Clerk