

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-44

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE EARTH CHARTER

WHEREAS, for over a decade, hundreds of groups and tens of thousands of individuals worldwide have been involved in the drafting of the Earth Charter, whose principles present a framework of sustainable development with guidelines for achieving it; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Charter is a declaration of interdependence, setting forth an integrated and ethical approach to community development addressing respect and care for the community of life, ecological integrity, social and economic justice, nonviolence, democracy and peace; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Charter is being used worldwide as a way to connect local policies to global objectives. It also is being used as an educational tool, a catalyst for dialogue, a call to action and a guide for creating sustainable development policies and plans at all levels; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham is a local leader in promoting the values expressed by the Earth Charter; and

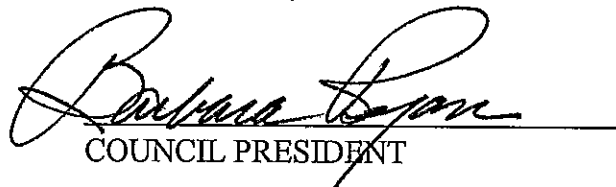
WHEREAS, the City supports the efforts of many organizations promoting environmental stewardship, social and economic justice, equality and tolerance in our community, and that support is extended to specific actions and the important principles behind them; and

WHEREAS, Bellingham's strong sense of community, our respect for each other, and our healthy, abundant natural environment are qualities that contribute to Bellingham's consistently ranking among the country's most livable small cities; and

WHEREAS, each and every one of us shares in the responsibility for living in harmony with each other and our environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bellingham endorses the Earth Charter and the realization of its aims so that we can assure a healthy future for our community and for our earth.

PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2002.


COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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APPROVED BY ME THIS 30th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2002.

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