

Resolution No. 102-05

A resolution to petition the Governor and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to end the Day Use Parking Fees

WHEREAS, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, with the agreement of the legislature, instituted day-use parking fees in all Washington State Parks; and

WHEREAS, those fees have not produced the promised revenue; and

WHEREAS, the costs of raising the fees and revenue have been higher than anticipated and attendance at Washington State Parks has dropped significantly and has not recovered as expected; and

WHEREAS, most Washington State Parks are in rural areas and accessible mainly by personal vehicles and rural economic development depends heavily on parks and recreation for the tourism component of rural economic diversification; and

WHEREAS, counties and cities of the State of Washington have been negatively impacted by these fees and we believe the people should have free access to the recreation and parks properties they own.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Mason County Commissioners do hereby petition Governor Christine Gregoire, the Washington State Legislature and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to end the failed experiment in parking fees at all Washington State Parks and fund parks and parks' maintenance through regular legislative budget and appropriations process.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

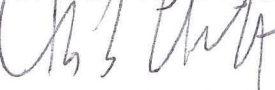
ATTEST:


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WA State Parks & Recreation Commission
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