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Gatby Ross
Clerk of the Metro Council

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING) RESOLUTION NO. 95-2119
SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL)
AMERICORPS PROGRAM) Introduced by Councilor
) Ed Washington

WHEREAS, The AmeriCorps program was established in June, 1994 to provide opportunities for young men and women across the country to work on conservation projects while earning a small stipend and college tuition credit; and

WHEREAS, The AmeriCorps program also provides the opportunity for its participants to gain valuable work experience while contributing to their community; and

WHEREAS, Metro is a participant in a local EnviroCorps program that is affiliated with AmeriCorps, which provides work experience for up to 20 young adults in helping to restore the Columbia Slough area adjacent to the former Whitaker School; and

WHEREAS, The local EnviroCorps program provides an excellent opportunity for inner-city youth to serve their community by cleaning and restoring this part of the Columbia Slough, and serve their own interests by doing productive work; and

WHEREAS, The EnviroCorps program is an excellent example of federal and local cooperation to achieve the multiple goals of assistance to our young people and environmental restoration; and

WHEREAS, Reduction or elimination of funding for the program at the federal level will deprive residents of the Metro area and across the country from realizing the multiple benefits of this most worthwhile program; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council supports continued funding for the AmeriCorps program by the U.S. Congress, and directs that this resolution and a cover letter be sent to all members of Oregon's and southwest Washington's congressional delegations.

ADOPTED this 23 day of March, 1995.

J. Ruth McFarland
J. Ruth McFarland, Presiding Officer