

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR THE
VENEMA CREEK NATURAL DRAINAGE SYSTEM PROJECT**

WHEREAS Washington's 46th Legislative District, with Lake Washington on its eastern boundary and Puget Sound on the west, is endowed with many natural water bodies which residents consider local treasures; and

WHEREAS those treasured waters are in many cases severely impacted by contaminated, uncontrolled urban storm water runoff that creates severe biological damage to the Lake and Sound as well as periodic flooding damage to residential properties; and

WHEREAS the 46th District's Piper's Creek, flowing into Puget Sound, has benefited from storm-water control projects such as Natural Drainage Systems initiated by Seattle Public Utilities within road rights-of-way, **but benefits to the fish communities and water-dwelling organisms have not yet been proven; and**

WHEREAS it is important to prove that Natural Drainage System projects benefit fish communities, water-dwelling organisms and water quality in our treasured natural water bodies, so that such projects can be implemented with confidence that they will provide the much-needed successful cleanup of urban storm water runoff;

THEREFORE, be it Resolved that we respectfully urge our legislators to do their utmost to cause passage of the Puget Sound Partnership budget which, we understand, includes capital funding for a Natural Drainage System project in Venema Creek, an important tributary of Piper's Creek.

Adopted by 46th District Democrats in Biennial Caucus assembled, March 14, 2010