CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 4175

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON, APPROVING PLACEMENT OF THE COUNTYWIDE 2014-2019 MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) LEVY ON THE 2013 BALLOT, AND SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE.

WHEREAS, the delivery of emergency medical services is an essential function of the fire and life safety responsibility of local and regional government; and

WHEREAS, the internationally recognized countywide tiered Medic One/EMS system in King County provides county residents and visitors essential life-saving services throughout the region regardless of location, incident circumstances, day of the week, or time of day; and

WHEREAS, it has been to the benefit of the citizens of the City of Renton to support and participate in the countywide cooperative effort of delivering advanced life support and basic life support services; and

WHEREAS, King County should continue to exercise leadership and assume responsibility for assuring the consistent, standardized, effective and cost efficient development and provision of emergency services throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069 provides for emergency medical care and service levies; and WHEREAS, the highly praised patient and program services of the King County Medic One/EMS system are funded by a Medic One/EMS levy that expires December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the EMS Advisory Task Force, created via King County Ordinance 15862, worked collaboratively with EMS Stakeholders to develop the Medic One/EMS 2014-2019 Strategic Plan to continue providing this service and has recommended a countywide levy rate of \$.335 per \$1,000 of assessed value to fund EMS service throughout King County; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Renton significantly participated in these discussions throughout the process and was represented on the Task Force;

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069 requires that cities with a population greater than fifty thousand approve a countywide levy prior to placement on a ballot, and

WHEREAS, the City of Renton has a population of 93,910 thousand people;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. The above recitals are found to be true and correct in all respects.

SECTION II. The City Council of the City of Renton approves placing the 2014-2019 countywide Medic One/EMS Levy on the ballot in 2013.

SECTION III. The City of Renton supports the proposed six-year \$.335 per \$1,000 of assessed value countywide Medic One/EMS Levy for the years 2014-2019 and urges the voters to vote in favor of the Levy.

Denis Law, Mayor

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Approved as to form:

Lawrence J. Warren, City Attorney

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