



WHEREAS, local gateway community and regional economies depend on high-value recreation and tourism opportunities provided by the North Cascades, and

WHEREAS, all Washington state residents depend on a healthy environment to sustain commerce, green jobs, ecosystem services and a cherished quality of life, and

WHEREAS, regional climate change and human population growth in the Puget Sound threaten the water supplies, aquatic ecosystems, wildlife habitats, old growth forests and outstanding recreation opportunities provided by the North Cascades, and

WHEREAS, these treasured resources can only be permanently and completely preserved through congressional designation of new park and wilderness lands, and

WHEREAS, conservation groups have initiated the American Alps Legacy Project to preserve public lands around the North Cascades National Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The King County council approves of and supports efforts by the North Cascades Conservation Council to complete the conservation vision for the North Cascades through congressional designation of additional park and wilderness lands in the American Alps Study Area.