

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
1997-8618**

By Senators Fraser, Swecker, Wood, Sheldon, Kohl, Bauer, Jacobsen, Spanel, Sellar, Winsley, Swanson, Prince, Hale, Patterson, McAuliffe, Brown, Prentice, Kline, Franklin, Snyder, Goings, Loveland and Thibaudeau

WHEREAS, The State of Washington recognizes the wisdom of those who thirty years ago decided to establish a new four-year state college in Olympia to serve the people of Southwest Washington and across the State; and

WHEREAS, Then Governor Evans, members of the 1967 Washington State Senate and House of Representatives, members of the Temporary Advisory Council on Public Higher Education, members of the Board of the Southwest Washington State College Committee, and the presidents of the four-year public colleges and universities demonstrated farsighted vision in founding The Evergreen State College and in determining that the new school should take advantage of the best of current knowledge about effective teaching and learning methods; and

WHEREAS, In response to the Legislature's mandate that this new college meet the needs of the students of today and of the future, the early planners restructured the delivery of higher education and developed an innovative alternative approach to the delivery of education; and

WHEREAS, That restructuring has proven to be successful, not only in effective teaching and learning, but also in efficiency of delivery; and

WHEREAS, These founding principles and the College's unique focus on teaching and learning have guided Evergreen through twenty-five years of making a profound and positive difference in the lives of thousands of students; and

WHEREAS, Evergreen has become nationally and internationally recognized as a center for innovation in higher education, has been consulted in planning new public universities, has been studied by scholars of education, and is the model for educational reform in K-12, in colleges and universities, and in workplace education; and

WHEREAS, Evergreen's collaborative, interdisciplinary approach to learning and problem solving is increasingly the model for many forward-thinking workplaces; and

WHEREAS, This month marks the passage of thirty years since enabling legislation was signed into law creating The Evergreen State College;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the accomplishments of The Evergreen State College, proclaim this to be The Evergreen State College Day, and celebrate and honor The Evergreen State College for its contributions to the Olympia community and to the State of Washington.

I, Mike O'Connell, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1997-8618,  
adopted by the Senate March 12, 1997.

MIKE O'CONNELL  
Secretary of the Senate