

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1997-8664**

By Senators West, Prince, Morton, McCaslin, Hochstatter and Brown

WHEREAS, The Playfair Race Course in Spokane is the oldest class 1 Thoroughbred and Arabian horse race track in the state of Washington, and is the oldest Thoroughbred horse race track west of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, The Playfair Race Course has long been the premier horse race track for the Inland Empire which includes Idaho, Montana, and British Columbia and Alberta, Canada; and

WHEREAS, Thoroughbred and Arabian horse owners, breeders, trainers, and many other industry-related professions rely on live racing at the Playfair Race Course for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, Live Thoroughbred and Arabian horse racing is primarily a fair weather, outdoor, spectator sport;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of Washington, That, in order to preserve the integrity and viability of the Playfair Race Course as a state of Washington treasure and economic resource and to promote and maintain fan attendance at class 1 horse racing facilities, the Horse Racing Commission shall ensure that live Thoroughbred and Arabian horse racing is scheduled at Playfair Race Course during seasons with weather conditions generally conducive to outdoor fan participation, which in turn will encourage optimum industry participation and fan attendance.

I, Mike O'Connell, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1997-8664,
adopted by the Senate April 26, 1997.

MIKE O'CONNELL
Secretary of the Senate