

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
2000-8719**

*By Senators Costa, Spanel and Rasmussen*

*WHEREAS, In 1916, the first case of Polio was recorded, resulting in approximately 27,000 deaths; and*

*WHEREAS, Between the years of 1946 through 1952, the Polio epidemic afflicted 144,000 victims nationally; and*

*WHEREAS, There are an estimated 35,000 Polio Survivors in Washington State alone; and*

*WHEREAS, There are currently 1.6 million Polio survivors in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, The centralized Burien Office for Polio Outreach of Washington was formed in 1995 by peer volunteers to locate and inform Polio survivors who may currently be experiencing Post Polio Syndrome; and*

*WHEREAS, Many individuals are diagnosed with Post Polio Syndrome year after year; and*

*WHEREAS, The debilitating effects of Post Polio Syndrome, from severe fatigue to total body exhaustion, are often not detected until up to thirty years after the original onset of Polio; and*

*WHEREAS, Post Polio Syndrome is the second most leading cause of neurological damage; and*

*WHEREAS, The medical field and the Polio survivors must be able to recognize the symptoms of Post Polio Syndrome so that the survivors will not be prematurely disabled ; and*

*WHEREAS, The distribution of accurate information and educational material is a necessity in order to create awareness for this disease and its effects;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize the courage and strength of all Polio survivors and the efforts of Polio Outreach of Washington to inform them.*

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8719,  
adopted by the Senate March 6, 2000.*

**TONY M. COOK**  
*Secretary of the Senate*