

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
8671**

*By Senators Prentice, Johnson, Patterson and Kohl-Welles*

*WHEREAS, The Tukwila Wildlife Habitat Project is a volunteer program that teaches people how to certify their back yards as wildlife sanctuaries; and*

*WHEREAS, Certified habitats include landscaping for wildlife-friendly environments that offer food, water, cover and places to raise offspring; and*

*WHEREAS, The program is helping to make Tukwila a better place for songbirds, butterflies and other wildlife species, and is encouraging volunteerism and community pride; and*

*WHEREAS, Engaging in the project is an easy way for individuals to improve the quality of the environment and enjoy nature and wildlife; and*

*WHEREAS, the city of Tukwila is working to become the first city in Washington “ and the fourth in the nation “ certified through the National Wildlife Federation’s Community Wildlife Habitat Program;*

*WHEREAS, Participation includes Tukwila residents, departments, and businesses, as well as the state Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Woodland Park Zoo, the University of Washington, National Wildlife Federation and various conservation agencies and nonprofit organizations; and*

*WHEREAS, All of Tukwila’s public schools also are participating in the program; and*

*WHEREAS, The city of Tukwila has provided support for this project above and beyond expectations through financial and administrative support, use of public spaces for meetings, and sponsoring the Backyard Wildlife Fair and public demonstration gardens; and*

*WHEREAS, the Tukwila’s Mayor, City Council and City Administrator are the first city officials to provide such outstanding support of its citizens working towards certification by the National Wildlife Federation offering a tremendous incentive for citizen participation.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate does hereby recognize the outstanding efforts of the Tukwila Wildlife Habitat Project and the city of Tukwila for the support and organization of wildlife conservation; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted*

*immediately by the Secretary of the Senate to the coordinator of Tukwila Wildlife Habitat Project Michelle Roedell and Steve Mullet, the Mayor of Tukwila.*

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8671,  
adopted by the Senate April 17, 2001.*

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