

SENATE RESOLUTION
8613

By Senators Warnick, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, and Roach

1 WHEREAS, This Resolution encourages Washington families and
2 children to participate in outdoor activities and discover their
3 heritage, developing a connection with nature and building a
4 foundation for lifelong environmental stewardship; and

5 WHEREAS, Numerous studies have shown that children who regularly
6 and frequently participate in outdoor activities are healthier,
7 perform better in school, possess better social skills and higher
8 self-images, and lead more fulfilled lives; and

9 WHEREAS, The health and well-being of the children of Washington
10 is vital to the future success of this great state and the United
11 States of America; and

12 WHEREAS, Embracing Washington's natural beauty and outdoor
13 heritage can play a significant role in encouraging families to
14 increase levels of participation in outdoor activities, which bring
15 them satisfaction and appreciation for our state's natural wonders;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, It is in the interests of the citizens of Washington
18 State to encourage families and children to explore and enjoy outdoor
19 activities that interest them; and

20 WHEREAS, More than 13 states, including California, Colorado,
21 Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Nebraska, Nevada, North
22 Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, and Wisconsin, similarly recognize
23 the importance of outdoor activities to the future well-being of
24 their citizens;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
26 honor the tradition of engaging the vast wealth of Washington's
27 natural beauty and affirm that the children of Washington greatly
28 benefit by discovering and experiencing the outdoors through
29 activities such as hiking, adventuring, camping, fishing, hunting,
30 family picnics, community parks, beach combing, and many more
31 activities, thereby developing a relationship with Washington's great
32 natural resources and learning respect and safety for the tools of
33 outdoor recreation and exploration.

1 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
2 do hereby certify that this is a true and
3 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8613,
4 adopted by the Senate
5 February 27, 2015

6 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
7 Secretary of the Senate