

SENATE RESOLUTION
8681

By Senators Spanel and Fraser

WHEREAS, The Sister City International program serves as an important bridge between the people and governments of Russia and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Such programs significantly contribute to the betterment of our societies and are the bedrock of deeper understanding between citizens of independent nations; and

WHEREAS, Economic, cultural, and diplomatic ties between our two nations are fostered by such relationships at a local level; and

WHEREAS, Understanding and collaboration between our two nations have never been more possible or more important; and

WHEREAS, Lomonosov and Anacortes are two cities committed to leading by example in their demonstrated ideals of mutual friendship and world peace; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate recognizes and supports these sister city relationships, the Kalinka organization, and the gains that have been produced from the efforts of both cities; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate encourages the expansion of these programs for the further benefit of the citizens of both our countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize the important contributions such sister city relationships have yielded in the areas of friendship and cooperation between the cities of Anacortes and Lomonosov as well as the countries of Russia and the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the cities of Lomonosov, Russia and Anacortes, Washington.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8681,
adopted by the Senate
May 12, 2003

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.
Secretary of the Senate