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Resolution: Tsunami Memorial Day

1 **WHEREAS** recent geologic and oceanographic work has shown that the Pacific Northwest coast
2 is quite vulnerable to earthquakes and tsunamis, as a result of regional plate tectonics,

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5 **WHEREAS** archaeological work in the 1990's revealed that on January 26, 1700, a magnitude
6 9.5 earthquake with epicenter off the coast of Washington triggered a massive tsunami which
7 devastated the coast from northern California to southern British Columbia, and was observed
8 and noted in temple records in Japan (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1700_Cascadia_earthquake),

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11 **WHEREAS** the tsunami of 1700 affected only a few thousand people, but a tsunami of that
12 magnitude happening tomorrow would affect millions of people and cost billions of dollars in
13 lost infrastructure,

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16 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the State of Washington establish January 26 as an
17 annual memorial day to remind us that Washington State citizens need to be mindful of and
18 prepared for earthquakes and tsunamis,

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20 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the State of Washington make it a high
21 priority to plan for early warning, effective evacuation, and effective mitigation of the effects of
22 earthquakes and tsunamis.

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