RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THURSTON COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF LACEY, OLYMPIA, AND TUMWATER IMPLEMENTING A REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, RCW 39.34.010 permits local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 39.34.080, each party is authorized to contract with any one or more other public agencies to perform any governmental service, activity, or undertaking which each public agency entering into the contract is authorized by law to perform; provided, that such contract shall be authorized by the governing body of each party to the contract and shall set forth its purposes, powers, rights, objectives and responsibilities of the contracting parties; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq. and the Phase II Stormwater Final Rule promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") require the operators of certain municipal separate stormwater sewer systems ("MS4") to obtain National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit coverage; and

WHEREAS, in Washington State, the EPA has delegated authority for the Federal Clean Water Act, including development and administration of the Phase II municipal stormwater management program, to the Washington State Department of Ecology ("ECOLOGY"); and

WHEREAS, ECOLOGY requires owners or operators of a municipal separate storm sewer system to obtain coverage under a Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit ("PERMIT"); and

WHEREAS, Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater ("PERMITTEES") have all applied for separate coverage under the PERMIT; and

WHEREAS, mutual benefits will accrue to the PERMITTEES and the people which each serves in the cooperative implementation of the Regional Education Partnership ("PARTNERSHIP"), and

WHEREAS, PERMITTEES are required by PERMIT Section S5.C.1 to provide stormwater education and outreach programs designed to achieve measurable reductions in behaviors that cause or contribute to adverse stormwater impacts; and

WHEREAS, coordination among Permittees with adjoining or shared geographic areas is encouraged ECOLOGY and enhances access to federal, state, and other financial and technical support; and

WHEREAS, customers of the PARTNERSHIP share media sources and would benefit from consistent messaging across city boundaries; and

WHEREAS, municipal resource efficiency is increased and cost savings are realized through sharing expertise, expenses, and staff time to gain economies of scale and avoid duplication; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater desire to continue working together under a PARTNERSHIP to coordinate joint development and implementation of stormwater education and outreach program;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the form of Interlocal Agreement Between Thurston County and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater Implementing a Regional Environmental Education Program and the terms and conditions contained therein.

2. The City Manager is directed and authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia the Interlocal Agreement Between Thurston County and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater Implementing a Regional Environmental Education Program and to make any minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the Interlocal Agreement, or to correct any scrivener's errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____day of _____ 2019.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY

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