

RESOLUTION NO. M- 1774

**SUPPORTING HEALTHY FOOD, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES
IN THE 2012 FARM BILL**

WHEREAS, supporting public health and protecting our environment are essential to the viability and livability of our city and economy; and

WHEREAS, access to healthy food is increased when local and regional food production, processing, distribution and retail all work together to build strong markets for healthy foods; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and improving the security of a diverse food supply is essential to local emergency preparedness and regional self-reliance; and

WHEREAS, during the *Imagine Olympia* portion of the City's Comprehensive Plan update process, Olympia residents voiced strong support for a sustainable local economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has long supported local food production and consumer access, notably through support of the Olympia Farmers Market – a City-owned building; community gardens at Yauger and Sunrise Parks; and last year's *Come to the Table Food Summit* sponsored by Sustainable South Sound; and

WHEREAS, the policies, programs, and funding included in the 2012 Farm Bill will affect how successful cities can be in improving our local food systems and in doing so, advance goals of environmental sustainability, economic development, public health, race and social justice, and emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities, the City of Seattle, and other jurisdictions have adopted similar resolutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Olympia City Council calls upon the federal government to adopt a Farm Bill that is consistent with the following six principles in the areas of healthy food, public health, and sustainability:

- Health-Centered Food System
- Sustainable Agriculture Practices
- Community and Regional Prosperity and Resilience
- Equitable Access to Healthy Food
- Social Justice and Equity
- System Approach to Policymaking

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, U.S. Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray, and U.S. Representatives Jamie Herrera-Beutler and Adam Smith.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 20th day of March 2012.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY