

SENATE RESOLUTION

8636

By Senators Hobbs, Zeiger, Bailey, Conway, Van De Wege, King, Fortunato, Lias, Billig, Warnick, Pedersen, Cleveland, Takko, Braun, Short, Honeyford, Sheldon, Hasegawa, McCoy, Saldaña, Schoesler, Hawkins, and Walsh

1       WHEREAS, More than eight thousand men and women of the Washington  
2 National Guard continue to serve the country as guardians of American  
3 interests at home and abroad; and

4       WHEREAS, These recognized leaders in state, regional, and  
5 national preparedness, who reside in nearly every legislative  
6 district throughout Washington, volunteer their time and put personal  
7 lives aside when the needs of the people of Washington state arise;  
8 and

9       WHEREAS, The Guard always answers the state's call in response to  
10 all emergency efforts to protect lives and property, and recently  
11 mobilized more than one thousand Guardsmen to serve at multiple  
12 wildfires in Washington last summer and to King County to assist  
13 first responders after massive snow storms; and

14       WHEREAS, The Guard continues to train and prepare for both  
15 natural disasters and threats to our national security, including  
16 cyber threats; and

17       WHEREAS, The Guard continues to improve the lives of Washington's  
18 young adults, many on the brink of dropping out of school, through  
19 its Washington Youth Academy; and

20       WHEREAS, The Guard adds value to communities by opening its  
21 Readiness Centers for community and youth activities, and uses these  
22 facilities to enhance education, add to quality of life, and increase  
23 economic vitality; and

1           WHEREAS, Washington National Guard soldiers and airmen  
2 continue to provide critical support to federal missions around  
3 the world and are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to  
4 protect our freedoms and enhance our safety;

5           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state  
6 Senate express its thanks and appreciation to the devoted  
7 families and dedicated employers of our Washington National  
8 Guard soldiers and airmen and airwomen for their support,  
9 without whom the Guard's missions could not be successful; and

10          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the value  
11 and dedication of a strong Washington National Guard to the  
12 viability, economy, safety, security, and well-being of this  
13 state, both through the outstanding performance of its state  
14 emergency and disaster relief mission, and through the continued  
15 benefit to local communities by the presence of productively  
16 employed, drug-free, well-equipped, and trained Guard units and  
17 the readiness centers and armories that house them; and

18          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
19 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the  
20 Adjutant General of the Washington National Guard, the Governor  
21 of the state of Washington, the Secretaries of the United States  
22 Army and Air Force, and the President of the United States.

23 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
24 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
25 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8636,  
26 adopted by the Senate  
27 March 27, 2019

28 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
29 Secretary of the Senate