

Resolution No. 2177

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON DESIGNATING THE AMERICAN SQUIRREL AS THE OFFICIAL MASCOT OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW.

WHEREAS, it's possible that the notion of naming the American squirrel as the City of Longview's mascot may have been born from a vision of compassion when a local contractor built the area's first tree bridge to prevent squirrels from meeting an early demise when attempting to scamper across a busy street; and

WHEREAS, today there are now six bridges in Longview dedicated to the proliferation of these furry inhabitants: the world-famous Nutty Narrows Bridge, the Bruce Kamp Memorial Bridge, The John R. Dick Bridge, the Woodie Bridge, the Bits & Bots Bridge and a bridge currently in the process of new construction; and

WHEREAS, squirrel fever has spread through the community as these indigenous charmers are displayed on local billboards, transit buses, the city's website and Facebook page; are enshrined in a statue in front of the Longview Public Library; and are the focus of the annually celebrated SquirrelFest—hosted by Fraternal Sandbaggers and made popular with the help of their adorable ambassador, Sandy B. McNutt; and

WHEREAS, it is only right that we recognize our interdependent relationship with our nutty neighbors as they help contribute to the economy by providing tourist destinations to our elaborate bridges, beautifully maintained parks and entertaining festivals. Squirrels also share the embodiment of all that we endeavor: working, playing and living in and enjoying a place we call home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Longview now designates the American Squirrel as its mascot.

PASSED by the City Council of Longview, Washington, and approved by its Mayor this 12th day of May, 2016.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk