



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 1, 2005

Motion 12215

Proposed No. 2005-0458.1

Sponsors Pelz, Gossett, Phillips, Edmonds,
Patterson, Irons, Constantine, von
Reichbauer, Hague, Ferguson,
Hammond, Lambert and Dunn

1 A MOTION honoring Rosa Parks and dedicating the front
2 seat of Metro Transit buses to the memory of Ms. Parks and
3 her courageous actions that sparked a defining struggle in
4 the civil rights movement in the United States of America.

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7 WHEREAS, on December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, an African-American seamstress
8 in Montgomery, Alabama, refused to give up her bus seat for a white man and was
9 subsequently arrested and fined, and

10 WHEREAS, at the age of forty-two, Ms. Parks showed undaunted courage in
11 taking a great personal risk in refusing to follow the unjust rules of racial segregation,
12 which many others died defying, and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Parks's courageous actions touched off a three-hundred-eighty-
14 one-day bus boycott in which approximately forty thousand people participated, some
15 walking many miles until the demands of African-American Montgomery bus riders were

16 met so that they would be treated respectfully, black bus drivers would be hired and
17 segregation on buses ended, and

18 WHEREAS, on December 20, 1956, by order of the Supreme Court, segregation
19 on buses was outlawed, the boycott ended, but violent civil unrest ensued, endangering
20 the lives of many African-Americans as they continued to fight for equality, and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Parks's refusal to give up her seat focused national and
22 international attention on the cruelties and injustices of racial segregation and inspired
23 many, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to act, and set into motion the civil rights
24 movement of the 1950s and 1960s, and continues to inspire those seeking equality and
25 justice in our nation and beyond, and

26 WHEREAS, Ms. Parks was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the
27 Congressional Gold Medal and the American Public Transportation Association's
28 Lifetime Achievement Award, among many other honors, and

29 WHEREAS, in 1986, the metropolitan King County council voted to rename the
30 county in honor of civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Martin Luther
31 King, Jr.;

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of Martin Luther King, Jr.,
33 County:

34 That the King County executive is requested to dedicate during the month of

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35 November 2005 the front seat of Metro Transit buses to the memory of Ms. Parks and her
36 courageous actions and to place a notice on each bus.

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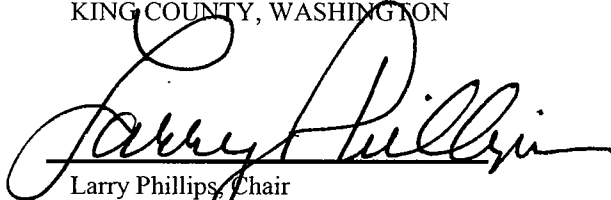
Motion 12215 was introduced on 10/31/2005 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 10/31/2005, by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr.
Pelz, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms.
Patterson and Mr. Constantine

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Mr. Irons

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None