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RESOLUTION NO. 1039

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 1948, LEGALIZING THE USE OF VIDEO SLOT MACHINES, AND OPPOSING ALL OTHER FORMS OF EXPANDED GAMBLING IN WASHINGTON STATE.

WHEREAS, House Bill 1948, a bill legalizing the use of video slot machines in the state of Washington, has been introduced into the State Legislature, and,

WHEREAS, the City Council is concerned about the proliferation of gambling establishments which, under the expanded authority granted by the State Legislature and State Gambling commission, may now operate up to 15 tables of social card games per establishment and could be allowed to have video slot machines if House Bill 1948 was passed, and

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds, despite prohibiting card rooms in accord with the local option granted by state statute, is still in litigation with Marty's Tavern, which wants to overturn the ban and locate a gambling facility in downtown Edmonds, and

WHEREAS, if Marty's Tavern is successful, it could claim eligibility for video slot machines under House Bill 1948 unless the City acted promptly to prohibit this gambling activity, and

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds is bordered by Mountlake Terrace and Shoreline, which have facilities cited close to our borders that would be eligible for video slot machines under House Bill 1948, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is concerned about the increase in crime, domestic violence, bankruptcies and suicides that result from expanded gambling, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Edmonds have twice opposed expanded gambling at the polls by rejecting Initiatives I-671 and I-651 expanding gambling on Native American Lands, and have signed initiative petitions opposing card rooms, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON,
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Expanded gambling is not in the best interest of our community, and urges the State Legislature and the Governor to oppose House Bill 1948 and all other bills expanding gambling in the state of Washington.

RESOLVED this 1st day of April, 2006.

APPROVED:

MAYOR, GARY HAAKENSON

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

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