

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-1416**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$10,000 TO RAINIER FOOTHILLS WELLNESS FOUNDATION FOR PROVIDING IN-SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING TO THE ENUMCLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council acknowledges that mental health and well-being are essential for the general welfare and prosperity of the City and its residents, and that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed unique and increased stresses on the mental and emotional well-being of individuals and families in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that school children have been particularly burdened by the mental and emotional health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, due to school closures, modified schedules, social distancing, and other disruptions to their social and emotional learning environments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is in the public interest to support mental health counseling in schools that serve the City's school children, both during the pandemic and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council at their April 1, 2021 meeting approved payment to Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for in-school mental health counseling; and

**WHEREAS**, Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation will provide a licensed mental health counselor to students of the Enumclaw School District's secondary schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Counselor will provide free-of-charge mental health support to any student identified as having a need; and

**WHEREAS**, the Counselor's contract will run Monday – Friday throughout the 2021-2022 school year with the exception of school breaks;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby authorizes the payment of \$10,000 to Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation for the purposes of aiding their program to provide in-school mental health counseling free of charge to students of the Enumclaw School District's secondary schools for the school year of 2021-2022.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND,  
WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY, 2021.

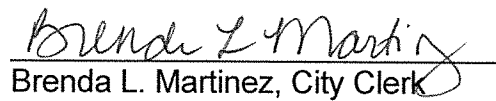
CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND:



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Carol Benson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk