

TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS

RESOLUTION NO. 91-7

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
METHADONE TREATMENT PROGRAMS IN THE TOWN  
OF GRANITE FALLS.

WHEREAS, Drug addiction is prevalent in our society; and

WHEREAS, the tragic consequences of this addition is nowhere more apparent than in the lives of pregnant heroin (opiate) addicts; and

WHEREAS, fortunately, the number of such women in Snohomish County is small, as is the general heroin addicted population of the county and

WHEREAS, drug free programs emphasizing abstinence as the primary treatment of choice for drug addiction of all types must be affirmed, encouraged and upheld in our community in an effort to reclaim lives devastated by drug addiction, and to prevent addiction in unborn babies; and

WHEREAS, a study reported in Addictive Behaviors, Volume 13, pp., 275-284, 1988, said, "The fact that methadone-exposed youngsters have more problems than the heroin-exposed youngsters have broad ethical and societal implications. It is possible that methadone treatment for maternal heroin addiction later produces more harm than benefit to children who are already disproportionately in the disadvantaged segments of society."; and

WHEREAS, drug free treatment is of particular importance in heroin specific treatment where the substitution of one addictive drug (methadone) for another addictive drug (heroin) creates possible conditions for a continuous cycle of dependence that establishes a permanent class of addicts; and

WHEREAS, we must act now to interrupt such cycles in a cooperative effort by government, law enforcement, medical and substance abuse treatment communities, human service agencies charged with meeting survival needs of addicts, and the general public; and


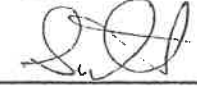
WHEREAS, heroin is a miniscule portion of the addiction problem in Snohomish County where alcohol and cocaine (crack) are the drugs of choice, and that should be taken into account when establishing treatment; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of methadone maintenance treatment by public or non-profit agencies in Snohomish County becomes a potential wedge for other methadone clinics to establish in our communities where they can become a magnet to attract heroin addicts from around the state; and

WHEREAS, we must develop aggressive, responsible, compassionate strategies and programs to alleviate the suffering of those caught in self destructive drug addition, while recognizing the rights of all citizens to be protected from predators and those benefitting monetarily from human suffering who are perpetuating the drug culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AND MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS that the establishment of methadone treatment programs in the Town of Granite Falls shall be opposed.

PASSED and APPROVED this 8 day of May, 1991.

  
  
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MAYOR

Attest:

Gerry James  
Clerk