RESOLUTION: Naming Thornton Creek Park Six as "Alice Bryant Peace Park on Thornton Creek"

Whereas Alice Franklin Bryant was a revered Seattle activist for peace, justice, and a healthy environment, known throughout King County and beyond, who passed away in 1977; and

Whereas a natural area along a short stretch of Thornton Creek immediately east of the Northgate Shopping Center, and south and east of the Northgate Community Center and Library, has for almost a half century been known only as "Thornton Creek Park Six"; and

Whereas Park Six's nature and location across the street from Seattle's busiest shopping center invite the public to come to a peaceful place and enjoy a break from the pressures of daily life; and

Whereas Seattle has very few parks named after women; and

Whereas Ruth Williams, the neighborhood park steward for Thornton Creek Park Six for over 15 years, has been endeavoring to have Park Six named "Alice Bryant Peace Park on Thornton Creek"; and

Whereas naming a beautiful, peaceful, urban natural area after a peaceful person who devoted her life to creating a more beautiful, peaceful world is a singularly appropriate honor;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that we endorse and support the effort to rename Park Six as "Alice Bryant Peace Park on Thornton Creek," and urge Seattle's elected and appointed officials to make that name change; and

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Seattle City Council and to the Superintendant of Seattle's Department of Parks and Recreation.

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