Law Librarians of Puget Sound

A Resolution to Support Enactment of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act in the State of Washington

WHEREAS, the Law Librarians of Puget Sound believes that permanent public access to official, authentic legal information is critical to the legal system of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Law Librarians of Puget Sound holds that information published on government websites must be trustworthy and reliable; and

WHEREAS, the Law Librarians of Puget Sound promotes the idea that information on government websites must be preserved and permanently accessible, and offered to the public without charge whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, the Law Librarians of Puget Sound has found that the State of Washington has not yet met its responsibility to provide trustworthy, reliable access to online legal information; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act promulgated by the Uniform Law Commission provides a technology-neutral, outcomes-based approach to ensuring that online state legal material deemed official will be preserved and will be permanently available to the public in unaltered form; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that if legal material is published only in electronic form, it must be designated official; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that electronic legal material that has been designated official must be capable of being authenticated, preserved and permanently accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, members of the Law Librarians of Puget Sound have advocated for adoption of the Act and have supported similar efforts of its parent organization, the American Association of Law Libraries, be it

RESOLVED, that the Law Librarians of Puget Sound supports enactment of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act in the State of Washington; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Law Librarians of Puget Sound encourages all local chapters of the American Association of Law Libraries and other interested organizations to adopt this resolution.
RESOLVED, that the Law Librarians of Puget Sound transmit a copy of this resolution to the Uniform Law Commission, American Bar Association, state officials, and others as appropriate.

_Endorsed by vote of the Law Librarians of Puget Sound Executive Board on the 19th day of January, 2016._

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