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**RESOLUTION No.**

Support proposed state-wide legislation that specifically identifies "road rage" aggressive actions, as heightened criminal offenses (Resolution)

WHEREAS, "road rage" is a growing concern for Portland residents Just last week an alleged "road rage" incident resulted in the death of an innocent woman

WHEREAS, "road rage", is defined as operating a vehicle with reckless disregard for the rights of others or in a manner that endangers any person or property

WHEREAS, "road rage" is reaching epidemic proportions across the country The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates acts of "road rage" at least partially account for nearly two-thirds of traffic-related deaths and one-third of crashes nationally

WHEREAS, this problem will continue to worsen as our roads become more congested, with more vehicles traveling more miles each year Locally, with increasing population and employment, Portland and the rest of the region will see a substantial increase in the demand on the transportation system Portland's vehicle miles traveled is projected to increase 27 percent from 1993 to 2010 (from the Portland Office of Transportation's Strategic Plan, 1996-2001)


WHEREAS, Oregon is joining several states trying to pass legislation targeting acts of "road rage" aggression for increased criminal penalties

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Portland, Oregon, finds that acts of "road rage" should be identified for independent criminal sanction and supports state-wide legislation towards that end

Adopted by the Council  
Commissioner Charlie Hales  
R Burchfield February 4, 1999

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GARY BLACKMER  
Auditor of the City of Portland

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COMMISSIONER CHARLIE HALES	Gary Blackmer Auditor of the City of Portland
NOTED BY COMMISSIONER	By <u>Clay Kershner</u> Deputy  For Meeting of _____  <b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
Affairs	
Finance and Administration	
Safety <i>Charlie Hales</i>	
Utilities	
Works	
BUREAU APPROVAL	
Bureau TRANSPORTATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Prepared by R BURCHFIELD Date February 4, 1999	
Budget Impact Review ___ Completed ___ Not Required	
Bureau Head <i>X/Burchfield</i>	

AGENDA		FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS		
				YEAS	NAYS
Consent	Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Francesconi	Francesconi	✓	
NOTED BY		Hales	Hales	✓	
City Attorney <i>NW</i>		Saltzman	Saltzman	✓	
City Auditor		Sten	Sten	✓	
City Engineer		Katz	Katz	_____	