

RESOLUTION NO. 279

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria is concerned with the need for identifying and developing approaches for improving the quality of life for handicapped persons; and

WHEREAS, an estimated twelve thousand persons in the Washington Metropolitan Area, a significant number of whom live in the City of Alexandria, cannot handle printed materials and therefore are deprived of information which is available to the population at large; and

WHEREAS, educational radio transmission for blind persons on subcarrier frequencies has proven to be a feasible and desirable way of reaching visually impaired persons with material not immediately available through traditional sources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, upon recommendation by the Human Resources Policy Committee, has endorsed the concept of closed circuit radio service for the handicapped who cannot handle printed materials, and has recommended this concept to member governments for their support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, does endorse the concept of closed circuit radio service for the visually handicapped and the program of The Washington Ear, Inc., a non-profit organization devoted to providing this service in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City consider during budget deliberations whether a contribution to this program should be included as an extension of our local library services to handicapped persons.

FURTHER RESOLVED that The Washington Ear, Inc., consider expanding the membership of its Board of Directors to include local government representatives.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that copies of this resolution be sent to The Washington Ear, Inc., the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, and its member jurisdictions.

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CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR., Mayor  
On behalf of the City Council of  
Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

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Helen Vickers Clerk

Adopted January 8, 1974