



Signature Report

April 23, 2008

Resolution

Proposed No. 08-06.1

1 A RESOLUTION encouraging the United States Congress
2 to uphold the federal government's commitment and
3 investment to public health in the 2009 federal budget.
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5 WHEREAS, public health focuses on increasing healthy years lived by preventing
6 and reducing disease and minimizing health threats; and

7 WHEREAS, as the risk of new communicable diseases and environmental health
8 hazards emerges, greater investments must be made to public health to protect and
9 improve Americans' health; and

10 WHEREAS, on February 4, 2008, the President released his Fiscal Year 2009
11 budget request; and

12 WHEREAS, the budget proposes several notable cuts for programs integral to
13 local public health that ensure the safety and well-being of communities across the
14 country, such as: a \$28 million reduction from CDC's chronic disease prevention and
15 health promotion programs; the elimination of the CDC's Preventive Health and Health
16 Services Block Grant; insufficient funding for the CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical
17 Activity & Obesity to sustain anti-obesity or coordinated school health programs in each

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18 state; a \$136 million reduction from state and local emergency preparedness capacity
19 building grants funding, money that was used in the past to enhance disease surveillance
20 systems and to develop mass vaccination plans; no new funding for state and local
21 pandemic influenza preparedness; and

22 WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health recognizes the fundamental role
23 that prevention plays for local health departments to respond to the needs of their
24 citizens; and

25 WHEREAS, such proposed cuts run counter to the Board of Health's commitment to
26 protecting the health of its communities.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
28 County:

29 The King County Board of Health encourages the Washington Congressional
30 Delegation and the United States Congress to:

31 A. Make prevention the centerpiece of our national healthcare strategy with
32 strong support and funding.

33 B. Invest in public health programs that seek to find causes and cures for chronic
34 diseases, and strengthen the ability of state and local health departments to respond to
35 health emergencies.

36 C. Strive to create and support a robust public health system that provides all
37 communities with a strong defense against a wide array of modern health hazards.

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D. Reinstate vital public health programs during the development the FY 2009

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Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

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Resolution was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 4/17/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Clark, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Hutchinson, Dr. Counts and Mr. Gossett

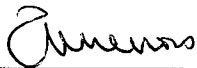
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Excused: 5 - Mr. Rasmussen, Ms. Frisinger, Dr. Nicola, Ms. Manning and Mr. Licata

BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments None