

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALTH
SPOKANE REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION #13-01

RE: CALLING ON THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN CURRENT LEVELS OF FUNDING FOR FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, every Washingtonian has the right to expect a strong network of local public health jurisdictions and public health services; and

WHEREAS, prevention and public health is recognized to play an important role in improving the health of Washingtonians; and

WHEREAS, an effective public health infrastructure is essential to decreasing the burden of chronic disease and ensuring our children are healthy and ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, those most essential services that protect everyone — immunizations, water and food safety, infectious disease prevention, and services to vulnerable children and families — must remain strong; and

WHEREAS, there is a continued need to protect people from communicable diseases and other public health threats; and

WHEREAS, the current State budget protects the most critical funding for foundational local public health services; and

WHEREAS, this funding is an immediate, urgent need and is essential to keeping the public health system operational; and

WHEREAS, funding and delivering foundational public health services is a shared responsibility between the state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, many local governments have stepped up to ensure this critical component of the broader public safety system in Washington State remains functional; and

WHEREAS, substantial efforts are underway to ensure that the public health successes of the 20th century are carried forward by a nimble, sustainable, responsive, cost-effective and accountable 21st century public health system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Spokane Regional Health District's Board of Health calls upon the Washington State Legislature to maintain the current level of State funding for the public health system in the 2013-15 biennial budget;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Spokane Regional Health District's Board of Health calls upon the Washington State Legislature to consider directing a portion of the revenues from the licensing of marijuana sales to the public health system in the 2013-15 biennial budget;


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Spokane Regional Health District's Board of Health opposes the cuts to public health that will result from the implementation of the federal Budget Control Act of 2011

(sequester cuts) and calls on our federal legislative delegation to maintain public health funding in the current federal budget;

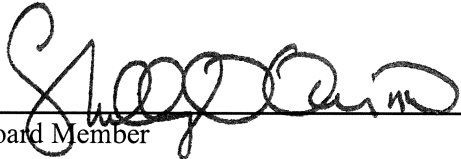
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Spokane Regional Health District's Board of Health strongly encourages other local Boards of Health in Washington to adopt similar resolutions.

Signed this 28th day of February, 2013 in Spokane, Washington.

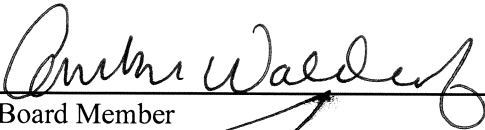
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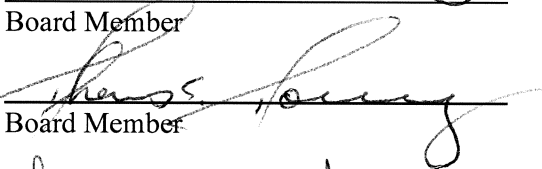


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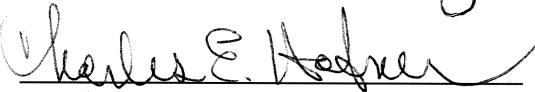
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