



**Signature Report**

**Resolution 20-03**

**Proposed No. 20-03.2**

**Sponsors**

1                   A RESOLUTION encouraging the Washington state  
2                   Legislature to expand affordable health care coverage to all  
3                   Washington residents.

4                   WHEREAS, as a result of the Affordable Care Act, more people than ever have  
5 health insurance, and Washington reduced the rate of uninsured individuals by half, and

6                   WHEREAS, nearly 500,000 people remain uninsured in our state because  
7 insurance is unaffordable or because they are ineligible for public programs, and

8                   WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health passed Resolution 18-01 in  
9 January 2018 in support of expanding coverage and lowering barriers for low-income  
10 residents, including those who are unable to afford private insurance and unable to access  
11 Medicare, Medicaid and subsidized plans because of eligibility requirements, and

12                   WHEREAS, health care access is a statewide challenge that requires a statewide  
13 solution, and

14                   WHEREAS, Washington took a major step forward in improving affordability by  
15 creating the public option, which is Cascade Care, and

16                   WHEREAS, in the 2019 Washington state legislative session, several bills were  
17 introduced to expand health care coverage including extending the length of coverage for  
18 Washington's Pregnancy Medical Program and expansion of Apple Health up to the age  
19 of 26;

20           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King

21 County:

22           The Board of Health calls on the Washington state Legislature to build on

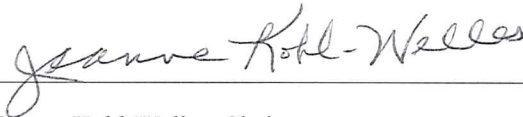
23 Washington's progress with innovations to increase access to health care coverage for

- 24 those who are not eligible for current federal subsidies or public insurance programs,  
25 including senior citizens.  
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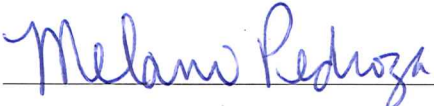
Resolution 20-03 was introduced on and passed as amended by the Board of Health on 1/16/2020, by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Dr. Delecki, Ms. Honda, Dr. Daniell, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Marx, Mr. Lewis and Ms. Morales  
Excused: 2 - Mr. Baker and Ms. Mosqueda

KING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Board

**Attachments:** None