



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 26, 2011

Resolution 11-10

Proposed No. 11-10.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION calling on the Congress and the Joint
2 Select Committee on Deficit Reduction to preserve funding
3 for the federal Prevention and Public Health Fund.

4 WHEREAS, among the historic provisions of the Affordable Care Act was the
5 recognition that our nation must begin to invest in prevention to save money and improve
6 health for the long-term, and

7 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act created the Prevention and Public Health
8 Fund, an unprecedented investment of \$16.5 billion over ten years (2011-2020) in
9 proven, effective programs to prevent diseases and injury, and

10 WHEREAS, seventy-five percent of all health care costs in our country are spent
11 on the treatment of chronic diseases, many of which could be prevented, and

12 WHEREAS, preventing disease and injury is the most effective, common sense
13 way to improve health, to reduce health care costs and to make the United States
14 economy stronger, and

15 WHEREAS, residents in Washington state, tribes, King County and neighboring
16 counties have the opportunity to directly benefit from this investment in prevention, and

17 WHEREAS, continuing to invest in health will not only improve health outcomes
18 but also improve the bottom line for businesses by lowering health care costs, reducing
19 absenteeism and improving productivity, and

20 WHEREAS, in a public opinion survey conducted by the Robert Wood Johnson
21 Foundation, seventy-one percent of Americans favored an increased investment in
22 disease prevention, and

23 WHEREAS, now is the time to increase, rather than decrease, our ability to
24 adequately protect the health of all American people and all King County residents;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
26 County:

27 The Board of Health calls on the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction and

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30 Congress to implement the Affordable Care Act provisions for national investment in the
31 Prevention and Public Health Fund.

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Resolution 11-10 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 10/21/2011,
by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Frisinger, Mr. Hutchinson, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert,
Dr. Nicola and Mr. McDermott

No: 0

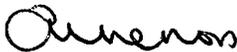
Excused: 4 - Mr. Conlin, Mr. Licata, Ms. Clark and Dr. Danielson

BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Joe McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None