



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

May 21, 2012

Resolution

Proposed No. 12-06.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing May 31 as World No
2 Tobacco Day.

3 WHEREAS, the Member States of the World Health Organization created World
4 No Tobacco Day in 1987 to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and the
5 preventable death and disease it causes, and

6 WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in
7 King County and in the United States, and

8 WHEREAS, each year in King County, an estimated one thousand seven hundred
9 eighty adults die from smoking-related causes, and

10 WHEREAS, tobacco use in King County results in \$343.1 million in healthcare
11 costs and lost wages every year, and

12 WHEREAS, tobacco use disproportionately affects residents of King County; low
13 income, minority, immigrant, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender populations and
14 residents with no more than a high school education report much-higher tobacco use rates
15 than other populations in the county, and

16 WHEREAS, the 2012 Surgeon General's Report on Preventing Tobacco Use
17 Among Youth and Young Adults indicates that sustained multi-component campaigns
18 including smoke-free public places and efforts to establish smoke-free social norms are

effective in reducing the initiation, prevalence and intensity of smoking among youth and young adults, and

WHEREAS, tobacco prevention and control is a key component of the Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant with goals of reducing adult tobacco use, reducing youth tobacco initiation, reducing secondhand smoke exposure and reducing inequities related to tobacco use, and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Surgeon General's Report on Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults indicates that adolescents and young adults are uniquely vulnerable to influences to use tobacco including whether youth perceive tobacco use as normative or acceptable, and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive tobacco prevention and control strategy incorporating community interventions including local policies and reinforcing social norms is a best practice identified by the 2007 Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs guide by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and

WHEREAS, parks play an important role in contributing to the health and well-being of communities by offering low-cost opportunities for physical activity, and are often used by youth organizations such as the YMCA for after-school and summer programs, and

WHEREAS, the cities of Auburn, Black Diamond, Bothell, Burien, Covington, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Seattle, Shoreline, Snoqualmie, Woodinville, and the Vashon parks district, have implemented tobacco-free or smoke-free parks policies to protect their park lands, modeling healthy behavior for users and reinforcing the message that parks are safe and healthy places for residents to be active;

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

43 County:

44 The Board of Health recognizes May 31 as World No Tobacco Day, a day
45 proclaimed by the World Health Organization, raising awareness of the dangers of
46 tobacco use and encouraging tobacco cessation and prevention.

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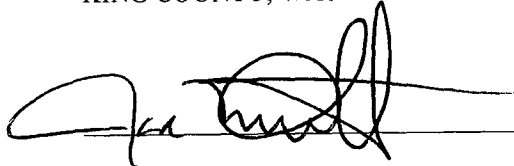
Resolution was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 5/17/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Frisinger, Ms. Cooke, Mr. Conlin, Mr. Licata, Ms. Clark,
Dr. Nicola, Dr. Danielson and Mr. McDermott

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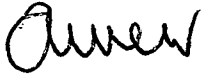
Excused: 2 - Ms. Patterson and Ms. Lambert

BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Joe McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None