



STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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Resolution 2013-2

WHEREAS the Washington State Board of Health was established by the State Constitution in 1889;

WHEREAS the Board provides a forum for developing public health policy in Washington State and is empowered to hold hearings and explore ways to improve the health status of the citizenry;

WHEREAS Patricia Ortiz, MD was first appointed to the Board in September 2006 by Governor Gregoire, then reappointed in 2009;

WHEREAS Dr. Ortiz is a highly regarded leader in the field of family practice medicine for more than 20 years;

WHEREAS Dr. Ortiz has shown herself to be a strong and energetic advocate for the health of all families and children in Washington State;

WHEREAS Dr. Ortiz has been steadfast in her efforts to insure that Board decisions are based on the best scientific evidence available, the public health needs of families, and the working realities of health care providers;

WHEREAS Dr. Ortiz has demonstrated exemplary productivity during both her appointments;

WHEREAS; Dr. Ortiz has provided invaluable leadership and expertise on wide range of policy issues including immunizations; vision screening; birth certificates; newborn prophylactic treatment; HIV/AIDS counseling, testing, and partner notification; newborn hearing screening; and school based clinical services;

WHEREAS Dr. Ortiz has accomplished this and much more, with professionalism, kindness, a sense of humor, clarity, and grace;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recognizes and thanks Dr. Ortiz for her dedicated and outstanding service to the citizens of Washington State by working to assure the public's health as a member of the Washington State Board of Health.

John Austin, Chair