



STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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Resolution 13-03

WHEREAS the State Constitution established the Washington State Board of Health 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 Governor Gary Locke first appointed Mary C. Selecky as acting Secretary of the Department of Health in October 1998, and subsequently Governor Christine O. Gregoire reappointed Secretary Selecky twice, and she has continued to serve the people of our state under Governor Jay Inslee in 2013;

WHEREAS Secretary Selecky has capably represented each Governor as a member of the Board of Health for almost fifteen years, with wisdom, integrity, and tenacity;

WHEREAS Secretary Selecky has dedicated her career in public health and her life to public service, improving and protecting the public's health through her work in her community, at the state, and with many partners across our nation;

WHEREAS Secretary Selecky has led compassionately in times of turmoil, through national tragedies, epidemics, and natural disasters, and has remained steadfast in her commitment to preserve funding for the public health system during the Great Recession;

WHEREAS Secretary Selecky has, through her tireless efforts, helped lower our state's adult smoking rates from twenty to fifteen percent and has reduced youth smoking by half, and continues to work to help people quit smoking and prevent kids from ever starting;

WHEREAS Secretary Selecky has worked innovatively and collaboratively with many partners to help increase the immunizations rates among children and adults in Washington;

WHEREAS Secretary Selecky has frequently, and without restraint, taken the public health message to the people on a very personal level by handing out hand sanitizer and condoms, and encouraging people to wash their hands, cover their coughs, and get their flu and Tdap shots;

WHEREAS Secretary Selecky has accomplished this and more during her time as Secretary of Health and as a Board member;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recognizes and thanks Secretary Selecky for her dedicated and outstanding service to the citizens of Washington State.

John Austin, Chair