



STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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Resolution 14-02

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 Christine Gregoire appointed John Austin to the Board October 24, 2007;

WHEREAS Governor Christine Gregoire appointed John Austin Board Chair March 31, 2011;

WHEREAS Mr. Austin, as an elected county official and retired psychologist, provided a dynamic and valued perspective on how state policy impacts small communities and individual health;

WHEREAS Mr. Austin extended his commitment to youth and families by assuring the engagement of community and other partners in board policy and rule development;

WHEREAS Mr. Austin helped develop the school environmental health and safety rules, and presided over the adoption of important rules for food service, drinking water, and newborn screening;

WHEREAS Mr. Austin has demonstrated a life-long commitment to the public's health, safety, and mental health through his years of dedicated public service to his community and our state;

WHEREAS Mr. Austin has accomplished this and more demonstrating a willingness to hear all perspectives while maintaining a cheerful demeanor, calm presence, and good humor during his time as a Board Chair;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board recognizes and thanks Mr. John Austin for his dedicated and outstanding service to the citizens of Washington state by working to assure the public's health as a member and Chair of the Washington State Board of Health.

Keith Grellner, Vice Chair