



STATE OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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Resolution 2019-01

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 on March 31 2011, Governor Christine Gregoire appointed Dr. Jim Sledge to the Board to serve as a member with expertise in health and sanitation; and Governor Inslee reappointed him in 2013 and 2016;

WHEREAS Dr. Sledge has a deep, life-long commitment to serving his community as evidenced by his past work as a Peace Corps volunteer, service as a Rotary Club member, and past participation on numerous boards for organizations that support and advance health in his community, including United Way of Spokane, ARC of Spokane, and the Sacred Heart Medical Foundation;

WHEREAS Dr. Sledge having practiced dentistry in Spokane for 30 years, promoted critical public health interventions needed to prevent oral disease and its adverse impacts on a person's overall health and well-being;

WHEREAS Dr. Sledge, as faculty at the University of Washington's School of Dentistry's Regional Initiatives in Dental Education program in Spokane, imparted his knowledge and wisdom on a new generation of dentists;

WHEREAS Dr. Sledge has generously shared his expertise and led the Board's efforts to improve oral health in Washington by convening an interdisciplinary team of state and national experts to improve our understanding of dental disease and to develop *Recommended Strategies to Improve the Oral Health of Washington's Residents*;

WHEREAS Dr. Sledge helped convene state agencies and partners to improve coordination and efforts to improve oral health in Washington;

WHEREAS Dr. Sledge has listened closely to those who addressed the Board and has helped develop policies and rules that promote children's health, prevent disease and death, and protect and advance the public's health;

WHEREAS Dr. Sledge has approached this work with a steadfast commitment to fairness, evidence-based decision making, patience and good humor;

WHEREAS Dr. Sledge has accomplished this and more during his time as a Board member;

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

Keith Grellner, Chair