



STATE OF WASHINGTON

## WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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### Resolution 2022-01

**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 November 16, 2012, Governor Christine Gregoire appointed Dr. Tom Pendergrass to the Board to serve as a member with expertise in health and sanitation; and Governor Inslee subsequently reappointed him in 2015 and 2018;

**WHEREAS** Dr. Pendergrass has a deep commitment to children's health and safety and has advocated on their behalf as evidenced by his participation in the national and Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, his past service as a member of the Kirkland City Transportation Commission and active participation in Kiwanis;

**WHEREAS** Dr. Pendergrass, after serving in the US Public Health Service Epidemiology Branch of the National Institutes of Health, came to Washington in 1975, and worked as a pediatric hematologist-oncologist at Seattle Children's Hospital, and has employed this experience and epidemiological expertise to promote critical public health interventions needed to prevent disease and its adverse impacts on a person's overall health and well-being;

**WHEREAS** Dr. Pendergrass, as a Professor Emeritus of pediatrics and epidemiology at the University of Washington, imparted his knowledge and wisdom to a new generation of health care providers;

**WHEREAS** Dr. Pendergrass has led the Board's efforts to improve children's health in Washington by serving as Vice Chair to the Board, Chair of the Health Promotion subcommittee, and as a Co-Chair on interdisciplinary advisory groups focused on identifying rare heritable diseases for inclusion in the state's newborn screening panel, as well as Co-Chair for technical advisory groups focused on addressing vaccine preventable diseases;

**WHEREAS** Dr. Pendergrass has listened closely to the diverse perspectives of 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. Pendergrass has approached this work with a steadfast commitment to fairness, evidence-based decision making, patience and good humor, along with implementing the now widely used "10-second rule";

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board recognizes and thanks Dr. Tom Pendergrass 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.

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Keith Grellner, Chair