



STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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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 people in Washington;

WHEREAS Keith Grellner was appointed to the Board in March 2011 by Governor Gregoire to serve as an individual with experience in matters of health and sanitation; and Governor Inslee subsequently reappointed him three times, and appointed him as Chair of the Board in November 2014;

WHEREAS Mr. Grellner has dedicated his career to protecting and improving the health of people in his community through his work at Kitsap Public Health District since 1989, serving as the Environmental Health Director from 2009 - 2016, and serving as the District's Administrator for the last six years, where he led the District's response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS Mr. Grellner has, as President of the Board of the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials, humbly guided and mentored his public health colleagues across the state in their efforts to collaborate, advance and transform public health, educate and inform policymakers on local health issues, and advocate for public health policy; and through these efforts has helped secure new, significant funding to help assure that foundational public health services can be equitably provided by the governmental public health system in every Washington community;

WHEREAS during his time at the Board, Mr. Grellner has sponsored the development of numerous environmental public health and safety rules covering topics such as food and drinking water safety, school environmental health, rabies, shellfish, contaminated properties, and animal waste, and has capably chaired the Board's Environmental Health Committee, all the while generously sharing his expertise with colleagues and mentoring Board staff;

WHEREAS Mr. Grellner has created a safe, and welcome space for the public to share their concerns, ideas, hopes, and feedback on a broad array of policy issues including high-interest issues such as immunizations, vapor products, and pandemic response;

WHEREAS Mr. Grellner has approached his work with a commitment to fairness, evidence-based decision making and equity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board thanks and recognizes Keith Grellner for his dedicated and outstanding service to the people of Washington State by working to protect and advance the public's health, while striving to do what is right rather than what is easy, as a member of the Washington State Board of Health.

Kelly Oshiro, Vice Chair