A RESOLUTION calling on Congress to protect the Prevention and Public Health Fund and its long-term investments in health that will further protect and improve the health of all community residents in King County and across the nation.

WHEREAS, Congress recognized the important role of prevention and public health in improving the health of the American people and in long-term health care cost containment through its creation of the Prevention and Public Health Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Prevention and Public Health Fund was established to create new investments in disease prevention and public health infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, in King County and across the nation emerging health issues and chronic disease rates are a very real and immediate threat to the long-term health of our communities,

WHEREAS, there is a continued to need to protect people from communicable diseases and other health threats, and

WHEREAS, these funds have already been invested in programs to promote tobacco cessation and control, to prevent obesity and to promote better nutrition and more physical activity, and
WHEREAS, local and state funding for public health jurisdictions is eroding and compromising public health's ability to respond to critical health issues, and

WHEREAS, the Prevention and Public Health Fund is intended to ensure a coordinated, comprehensive, sustainable and accountable approach to improving health outcomes across our country through the most effective prevention and public health programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King County:

The Board of Health calls on Congress to preserve the Prevention and Public
Resolution 11-03 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 3/17/2011, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Conlin, Mr. Licata, Ms. Clark, Dr. Nicola, Dr. Sherman, Dr. Danielson and Mr. McDermott
No: 0
Excused: 4 - Ms. Frisinger, Mr. Hutchinson, Ms. Patterson and Ms. Lambert

BOARD OF HEALTH
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Joe McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None