



**KING COUNTY**  
**Signature Report**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**May 21, 2012**

**Resolution**

**Proposed No. 12-06.1**

**Sponsors**

1                   A RESOLUTION recognizing May 31 as World No  
2                   Tobacco Day.

3                   WHEREAS, the Member States of the World Health Organization created World  
4                   No Tobacco Day in 1987 to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and the  
5                   preventable death and disease it causes, and

6                   WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in  
7                   King County and in the United States, and

8                   WHEREAS, each year in King County, an estimated one thousand seven hundred  
9                   eighty adults die from smoking-related causes, and

10                  WHEREAS, tobacco use in King County results in \$343.1 million in healthcare  
11                  costs and lost wages every year, and

12                  WHEREAS, tobacco use disproportionately affects residents of King County; low  
13                  income, minority, immigrant, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender populations and  
14                  residents with no more than a high school education report much-higher tobacco use rates  
15                  than other populations in the county, and

16                  WHEREAS, the 2012 Surgeon General's Report on Preventing Tobacco Use  
17                  Among Youth and Young Adults indicates that sustained multi-component campaigns  
18                  including smoke-free public places and efforts to establish smoke-free social norms are

19 effective in reducing the initiation, prevalence and intensity of smoking among youth and  
20 young adults, and

21 WHEREAS, tobacco prevention and control is a key component of the  
22 Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant with goals of reducing adult tobacco use,  
23 reducing youth tobacco initiation, reducing secondhand smoke exposure and reducing  
24 inequities related to tobacco use, and

25 WHEREAS, the 2012 Surgeon General's Report on Preventing Tobacco Use  
26 Among Youth and Young Adults indicates that adolescents and young adults are  
27 uniquely vulnerable to influences to use tobacco including whether youth perceive  
28 tobacco use as normative or acceptable, and

29 WHEREAS, a comprehensive tobacco prevention and control strategy  
30 incorporating community interventions including local policies and reinforcing social  
31 norms is a best practice identified by the 2007 Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco  
32 Control Programs guide by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and

33 WHEREAS, parks play an important role in contributing to the health and well-  
34 being of communities by offering low-cost opportunities for physical activity, and are  
35 often used by youth organizations such as the YMCA for after-school and summer  
36 programs, and

37 WHEREAS, the cities of Auburn, Black Diamond, Bothell, Burien, Covington,  
38 Kirkland, Mercer Island, Seattle, Shoreline, Snoqualmie, Woodinville, and the Vashon  
39 parks district, have implemented tobacco-free or smoke-free parks policies to protect  
40 their park lands, modeling healthy behavior for users and reinforcing the message that  
41 parks are safe and healthy places for residents to be active;

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

43 County:

44 The Board of Health recognizes May 31 as World No Tobacco Day, a day  
45 proclaimed by the World Health Organization, raising awareness of the dangers of  
46 tobacco use and encouraging tobacco cessation and prevention.

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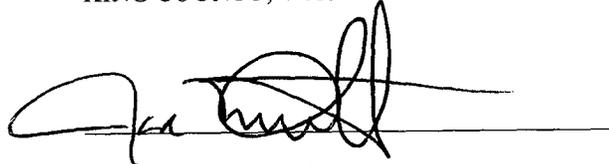
Resolution was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 5/17/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Frisinger, Ms. Cooke, Mr. Conlin, Mr. Licata, Ms. Clark,  
Dr. Nicola, Dr. Danielson and Mr. McDermott

No: 0

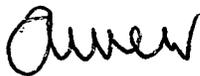
Excused: 2 - Ms. Patterson and Ms. Lambert

BOARD OF HEALTH  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Joe McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

**Attachments:** None