A RESOLUTION commending Executive Constantine,

Leadership Circle Cochairs and members, Public Health -

Seattle & King County and the broad network of

community and governmental partners for their efforts to

enroll uninsured residents.

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act provides a historic opportunity to enroll

uninsured King County residents in free or low-cost health insurance, and

WHEREAS, before health reform, one in six adults in King County ages eighteen

through sixty-four were uninsured, and

WHEREAS, wide coverage disparities exist in King County related to place,

race/ethnicity, education and income. While King County's lack of health insurance is

the lowest among the fifteen largest United States metropolitan counties, its income

disparity among those who have and do not have health insurance is the highest.

WHEREAS, Executive Constantine and the Leadership Circle championed health

insurance coverage by engaging their respective constituencies. The Leadership Circle

consists of three cochairs and prominent community leaders from local business, health

and community-based organizations, education, cities, media and other sectors, and
WHEREAS, Public Health - Seattle & King County and community partners developed innovative outreach and communication strategies to reach uninsured populations where they reside, and

WHEREAS, government departments and divisions leveraged existing communication channels with the public to reach uninsured residents, and

WHEREAS, more than one hundred fifty thousand King County residents enrolled in health insurance during the first six-month open enrollment period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF KING COUNTY:

The Board of Health commends Executive Constantine, Leadership Circle
Cochairs and members, Public Health - Seattle & King County and the broad network of community and governmental partners for their efforts to enroll uninsured residents.

Resolution 14-04 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 5/15/2014, by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Ms. Lambert, Ms. Clark, Dr. Nicola, Dr. Baker, Mr. McDermott, Ms. Wales and Mr. Dembowski
No: 0
Excused: 3 - Mr. Licata, Dr. Danielson and Ms. Sawant

Joe McDermott, Chair
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None