

SENATE RESOLUTION
8635

By Senators Frockt, Jayapal, Keiser, Cleveland, Rolfes, Kohl-Welles,
and Fraser

1 WHEREAS, Human Papillomavirus, or HPV, is so common that nearly
2 all sexually active men and women will get it in their lives; and
3 WHEREAS, HPV causes 90% of cervical cancers, and in the United
4 States 33% of those cancers are fatal; and
5 WHEREAS, HPV vaccination prevents nearly 100% of the precancerous
6 cervical cell changes caused by HPV types 16 and 18, and is only one
7 of two vaccines that can prevent cancer; and
8 WHEREAS, HPV causes nearly 27,000 total cases of cancer every
9 year in both men and women, and more than 6,000 people are likely to
10 die this year of HPV-related cancers in the United States; and
11 WHEREAS, Virtually all HPV-related cancer deaths are preventable
12 through the use of vaccines; and
13 WHEREAS, Low vaccination rates mean more than six out of every 10
14 adolescent females and more than eight out of every 10 adolescent
15 males in the United States are still at risk for HPV-related cancers
16 while safe, effective vaccines go unused; and
17 WHEREAS, The Group Health Foundation is a leader in the effort to
18 protect children from cancer through a campaign to encourage
19 vaccinations by expanding public awareness, partnering with public
20 health organizations, and reaching out directly to parents; and
21 WHEREAS, The success of these and other efforts are critical to
22 saving many thousands of lives;
23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of
24 Washington recognize the need for HPV awareness, promote educational
25 activities aimed at increasing knowledge of the virus, and applaud
26 and support the efforts of the Group Health Foundation to keep all
27 Washingtonians healthy and cancer-free.

28 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
29 do hereby certify that this is a true and
30 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8635,
31 adopted by the Senate

1 March 11, 2015

2 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
3 Secretary of the Senate