

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