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SNOHOMISH COUNTY, Wash. – Two of the Snohomish Health District’s Board of Health members were recently recognized by Governor Inslee and the Washington State Board of Health. The mission of the State Board of Health is to provide statewide leadership in developing and promoting policies that prevent disease, and improve and protect the public's health for all people in Washington.

Donna Wright, long-time Marysville city councilmember and Board of Health member, was recognized for her nine years of dedicated and outstanding service to the Washington State Board of Health. Wright was honored with a resolution passed by the State Board of Health, as well as a resolution and presentation of a plaque at the Snohomish Health District’s last Board of Health meeting.

Her vacancy on the State Board of Health was quickly filled by another Snohomish Health District Board of Health member. Kurt Hilt, a city councilmember in Lake Stevens, was appointed to a three-year term in a position reserved for an elected city official who is also a member of a local board of health. In addition to the Boards of Health, he is a local firefighter and paramedic. Hilt also founded the Disaster Medicine Project, an initiative that prepares healthcare providers and facilities for emergencies.

“We are very fortunate to have board members that are committed to public health,” said Jefferson Ketchel, interim administrator for the Health District. “Councilmembers Wright and Hilt have worked to provide a voice locally, regionally and now statewide.”

The Washington State Board of Health was established by the state constitution in 1889 to serve the health and safety of the people living in Washington. The Board has an obligation to understand and prevent disease across the entire state population. To learn more about the State Board of Health, visit <http://sboh.wa.gov/>.

The Snohomish Health District works for a safer and healthier community through disease prevention, health promotion, and protection from environmental threats. To read more about the District and for important health information, visit www.snohd.org.

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