

1 WHEREAS, The local, regional, and statewide providers of human and
2 social services would benefit from the more accurate and timely
3 information about needs and resources around the state that is
4 connected by 211 services; and

5 WHEREAS, Seventy million Americans (23% of the United States
6 population) have access to 211 service in 83 communities nationwide;
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8 WHEREAS, Washington Information Network 211 seeks to create a
9 statewide 211 system using existing information and referral providers;
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11 WHEREAS, In 2003 the Washington State Legislature overwhelmingly
12 supported and passed an act supporting 211 development and
13 implementation for the residents of our state; and

14 WHEREAS, 211 service will soon be available in Clark County and
15 King County, providing 211 access to over 2,000,000 people in
16 Washington State; and

17 WHEREAS, 4,000,000 residents in rural and economically depressed
18 areas of Washington State will not have access to 211 service until
19 such time that sustainable public funding is secured; and

20 WHEREAS, Philanthropic contributions already support the majority
21 of costs associated with 211 development for Washington State; and

22 WHEREAS, Congress recognizes the value and broad public benefits of
23 211 through the inclusion of 211 service in the Public Health Security
24 and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell,
26 Representative Jay Inslee, Representative Jim McDermott, and
27 Representative Rick Larsen from our fair state of Washington are
28 cosponsors of Senate Bill 1630 and House Resolution 3111;

29 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
30 immediately pass the Calling for 211 Act, HR3111 and SB1630.

31 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
32 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
33 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
34 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
35 Washington.

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