

SENATE RESOLUTION

8702

By Senators Cleveland and Nguyen

1 WHEREAS, The perennial concern over seasonal influenza has been
2 heightened this year by the outbreak of coronavirus; and

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has
4 issued a warning that the United States must be prepared for the
5 possible spread of coronavirus; and

6 WHEREAS, Flus and other serious respiratory illnesses, like
7 respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), whooping cough, and severe acute
8 respiratory syndrome (SARS), are spread by cough, sneezing, or
9 unclean hands; and

10 WHEREAS, In keeping with our commitment to putting people first,
11 it is critical that we all do our part as leaders to model best
12 practices for infection control; and

13 WHEREAS, Model practices include vigilant hand hygiene, proper
14 cough and sneeze etiquette, annual vaccinations, receiving flu
15 antiviral drugs, and regular cleaning and disinfection of frequently
16 touched surfaces at home, work, or school, especially when someone is
17 ill; and

18 WHEREAS, Healthy practices further include getting plenty of
19 sleep, being physically active, managing stress, drinking plenty of
20 fluids, and eating nutritious food; and

21 WHEREAS, Even the best preventive measures cannot completely
22 eliminate the spread or threat of flus; and

1 WHEREAS, Those who are not sick are advised to avoid close
2 contact with people who are sick and to wash their hands
3 frequently; and

4 WHEREAS, Those who are sick are advised to keep their
5 distance from others to protect them from getting sick too and,
6 where possible, to stay home from work or school and avoid other
7 public venues;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate endorse and
9 encourage the promotion, sharing, and posting of practices to
10 prevent or reduce the spread of flu and limit the spread of
11 other contagious diseases in Washington state.

12 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
13 do hereby certify that this is a true and
14 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8702,
15 adopted by the Senate
16 March 2, 2020

17 BRAD HENDRICKSON
18 Secretary of the Senate