



## **Senate Resolution Number SP19 SR001** **A Resolution to Reject Harmful Rhetoric Spread by the** **Anti-Vaccination Movement**

**Whereas,** sixty-one individuals living in Clark County, Washington and four individuals living in Multnomah County, Oregon have been infected with the highly contagious measles virus at the time of this resolution’s creation,

**Whereas,** only 81% of children aged 1 to 5 living in Clark County have received all of their medically recommended vaccinations,

**Whereas,** the Center for Disease Control reports that the number of U.S. children who have not been vaccinated for preventable diseases quadrupled between 2001 and 2018,

**Whereas,** there have been nine separate studies funded or conducted by the Center for Disease Control since 2003 that have found no link between thimerosal-containing vaccines and autism, as well as no link between the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine and autism,

**Whereas,** the World Health Organization has named anti-vaccination movements as one of ten threats to global health in 2019 and has formally stated that vaccine hesitancy “threatens to reverse progress made in tackling vaccine-preventable diseases,”

**Whereas,** the Pacific Northwest’s recent measles outbreak and other outbreaks of a similar nature could have been prevented with the regular vaccination of all infected individuals at medically recommended intervals,

**Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students here assembled** that the anti-vaccination movement is a major threat to public health and is directly responsible for the recent measles infection of over sixty individuals living in the Pacific Northwest,

**Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students here assembled** that we reject the harmful rhetoric and fraudulent scientific research spread and produced by anti-vaccination groups and reject the notion that vaccinations can cause developmental disorders like autism,

**This document shall be submitted to** the Washington State Department of Health, Clark County Public Health, Oregon Health Authority, Multnomah County Public Health, the Center for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, Senator Jeff Merkley, Senator Ron Wyden, Senator Maria Cantwell, Senator Patty Murray, Governor Jay Inslee, Governor Kate Brown, Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler, Representative Earl Blumenauer, the Student Health Center at Lewis & Clark

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