

1 Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRESERVING THE EVANS SCHOOL,**
2 **INFORMATION SCHOOL, AND INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH**
3 **GENETICS.**

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15 WHEREAS according to the U.S. News and World Report of 2010ⁱ, the Evans School of
16 Public Affairs ranked fourth in Environmental Management and Policy overall, and in the
17 top three public schools of public affairs for this specialization; ranked fifth in Nonprofit
18 Management overall, and in the top three public schools of public affairs for this
19 specialization; ranked thirteenth in Public Management Administration overall, and in the
20 top eight public schools of public affairs for this specialization; and ranked sixteenth in
21 Public Policy Analysis overall, and in the top eight public schools of public affairs for
22 this specialization; and,

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24 WHEREAS in 2009-2010 the Evans School of Public Affairs had over 400 enrolled
25 students seeking a degree, and more in non-degree classes and certificate programs; and,

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27 WHEREAS in the 2009-10 academic year, Evans School students completed over 80,000
28 hours of direct public service through internshipsⁱⁱ; and,

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30 WHEREAS UW Graduate School Ten Year Review Committee in 2005 found the
31 independence of the Evans School was one of its key strengthsⁱⁱⁱ; and,

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33 WHEREAS the Information School—coined the “iSchool” on the UW campus—is a
34 strategic initiative of the University of Washington that has become recognized as an
35 outstanding success and role model for the establishment and development of
36 Information Schools worldwide^{iv}; and,

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38 WHEREAS in the U.S. News and World Report rankings for schools with library and
39 information science programs, the UW Information School is ranked fourth in the nation
40 overall; first for law librarianship, second for services for children and youth, third for
41 health librarianship, and fourth for information systems^v; and,

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43 WHEREAS in 2009-2010 the Information School had over 600 enrolled students seeking
44 a degree, and more in non-degree classes and certificate programs; and,

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46 WHEREAS as a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) major, the
47 Information School’s Bachelor of Science in Informatics Degree and Master of Science
48 in Information Management Degree are defined as public interest degrees for the state;
49 and,

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51 WHEREAS Information School students have been placed in numerous jobs and
52 internships in a diverse array of companies across Washington State, including Amazon,
53 Ascentium, Boeing, Deloitte Consulting, Disney Interactive Media Group, Hewlett-
54 Packard, Microsoft, REI, Starbucks, Weyerhaeuser, etc.; and,

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56 WHEREAS the Institute for Public Health Genetics is the only program in the U.S.
57 offering graduate degrees in genetics whose graduates go on to advocate for the effective
58 and ethical integration of genetic and genomic science into the public domain locally,
59 nationally, and internationally; and

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61 WHEREAS the University of Washington is an internationally-recognized leader in the
62 emerging field of Public Health Genetics, influencing the gamut of public health genetic
63 issues, from the individual patient to the policies of healthcare systems and beyond^{vi}; and

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65 WHEREAS the Institute for Public Health Genetics attracts and retains top talent to the
66 University and state of Washington, bringing in highly-accomplished students and faculty
67 who research and impact the ethical, social, political, legal, medical, economic, scientific,
68 and pharmaceutical implications of genetic science to human society; and

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70 WHEREAS the UW Graduate School performed a 5 year review of IPHG and found the
71 program to be “an innovative interdisciplinary program that is the first of its kind in the
72 world” and “an inspiring model for other interdisciplinary programs”^{vii}; and

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74 WHEREAS on February 23, 2011, University of Washington Interim President Phyllis
75 Wise sent a letter to elected officials of the Washington State Legislature that outlined the
76 anticipated University impacts associated with proposed state budget reductions; and,

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78 WHEREAS a significant reduction in course and degree offerings—as well as a
79 consolidation of the Evans School of Public Affairs with another college, and the
80 Information School with another college – has been considered in the mentioned letter;
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83 WHEREAS other reduced educational choices may result in the elimination of
84 educational units like the College of Education’s Foreign Language Certification
85 Program for Teachers and the School of Public Health’s Institute for Public Health
86 Genetics; and,

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88 WHEREAS University of Washington Provost Mary Lidstrom is meeting with all
89 University senior leadership and student leaders to discuss how to adjust to these
90 significantly reduced funding levels while ensuring a viable and quality academic
91 program offering for students and the state; therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT the Evans School of Public Affairs, the Information School, the Institute for Public Health Genetics, are valuable assets as independent units on the University of Washington Seattle campus; and,

THAT many undergraduate and graduate students come to the University of Washington Seattle campus explicitly because of the programs offered by the Evans School of Public Affairs, the Information School, the Institute for Public Health Genetics; and,

THAT the quality educational programs provided by the Evans School of Public Affairs, the Information School, the Institute for Public Health Genetics, are key to the mission of the University of Washington; and,

THAT every attempt should be made in budgetary considerations to maintain the quality and educational excellence of the Evans School of Public Affairs, the Information School, the Institute for Public Health Genetics, and,

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Interim President Phyllis Wise, Provost Mary Lidstrom, Dean of the Evans School of Public Affairs Sandra Archibald, Dean of the Information School Harry Bruce, Dean of the School of Public Health Howard Frumkin, the Board of Regents, and Graduate and Professional Student Senate President Sarah Reyneveld.

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ⁱ U.S. News and World Report, Graduate School Public Affairs Rankings. Retrieved from <http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-public-affairs-schools/public-affairs-rankings> on March 31st 2011.

ⁱⁱ Evans School of Public Affairs, Key Facts. Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington, 2011.

ⁱⁱⁱ University of Washington Graduate School Program 10-Year Review, Evans School of Public Affairs (2005), Retrieved from <http://www.washington.edu/about/accreditation/reviews/PubAffairs2.pdf> on March 31st, 2011

^{iv} Dean Harry Bruce, iSchool Program Evaluation Initiative Response. Department and Non-departmentalized School and College Program Evaluation. Page 1. 2010.

^v U.S. News and World Report, Graduate School Public Affairs Rankings. Retrieved from <http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-library-information-science-programs/library-information-science-rankings> on March 31st 2011.

^{vi} University of Washington Graduate School External Review Committee Report, Program 5-Year Review, Public Health Genetics (2009), Retrieved from <http://www.washington.edu/about/accreditation/noflyouts.html#PHGPhD> on March 31st, 2011.

^{vii} University of Washington Graduate School External Review Committee Report, Program 5-Year Review, Public Health Genetics (2009), Retrieved from <http://www.washington.edu/about/accreditation/noflyouts.html#PHGPhD> on March 31st, 2011.