



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**June 20, 2011**

**Resolution 11-07**

**Proposed No. 11-07.1**

**Sponsors**

1                   A RESOLUTION making a commitment to apply the  
2                   countywide strategic plan's principle of "fair and just"  
3                   intentionally in health policy development in order to  
4                   achieve health equity for all people and communities.

5                   WHEREAS, in April 2008, the King County Board of Health resolved to support  
6                   the King County Equity and Social Justice Initiative, and

7                   WHEREAS, on October 11, 2010, the King County council unanimously passed  
8                   Ordinance 16948 transforming its work on equity and social justice from an initiative to  
9                   an integrated effort that applies the countywide strategic plan's principle of "fair and just"  
10                  intentionally in all the county does in order to achieve equitable opportunities for all  
11                  people and communities, and

12                  WHEREAS, in 2004, the city of Seattle established the Race and Social Justice  
13                  Initiative with a long-term vision of eliminating race-based inequity in the community  
14                  and achieving racial justice, and

15                  WHEREAS, both King County and the city of Seattle are members of the Race  
16                  and Social Justice Community Roundtable, and all roundtable members are using a  
17                  Racial Equity Tool as a part of budget and policy development and implementation, and

18                  WHEREAS, change is required at the policy, systems and environment level to  
19                  provide community conditions that support health and well being, and

20           WHEREAS, King County government's mission, through its executive, council,  
21 Board of Health and Public Health - Seattle & King County, is to identify and promote  
22 the conditions under which all people can live within healthy communities and can  
23 achieve optimum health; and a long-term goal is to increase the number of healthy years  
24 lived by people in King County and eliminate health inequities; and

25           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King  
26 County:

27           The Board of Health commits to considering equity and fairness in all health  
28 policy decisions with a goal of ensuring that, as stated in Ordinance 16948, "decisions  
29 increase fairness and opportunity for all people, particularly people of color, low-income  
30 communities and people with limited English proficiency [and], when decisions that have

31 a negative impact on fairness and opportunity are unavoidable, steps are implemented  
32 that mitigate the negative impact."

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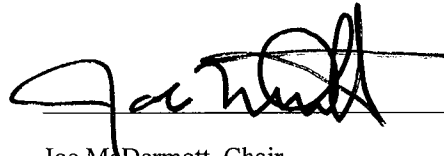
Resolution 11-07 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 6/16/2011,  
by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Ms. Frisinger, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Conlin, Ms. Patterson,  
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Licata, Ms. Clark, Dr. Nicola, Dr. Danielson and  
Mr. McDermott

No: 0

Excused: 0

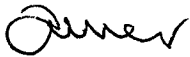
BOARD OF HEALTH  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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Joe McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

**Attachments:** None