



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Signature Report

October 26, 2011

Resolution 11-09

Proposed No. 11-09.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION supporting Food Day in 2011 in King
2 County.

3 WHEREAS, King County is focusing on the national Food Day on October 24,
4 2011, goals of expanding access to food and alleviating hunger and promoting health by
5 curbing junk-food access and marketing to children, and

6 WHEREAS, some parts of the county, such as portions of Seattle and south King
7 County, are especially affected. In these areas, students are more likely to have a fast
8 food restaurant within a half mile of their school compared to students in the rest of the
9 county and more likely to be overweight or obese, and

10 WHEREAS, seventeen food deserts have been identified in King County, which
11 are low-income areas with poor access to a supermarket or large grocery store, and

12 WHEREAS, access to healthy foods has been widely expanded for women and
13 children through King County's women, infants and children nutrition program, and

14 WHEREAS, the women, infants and children nutrition program serves nearly
15 forty thousand King County residents, providing supplemental nutritious foods, health
16 care referrals and nutrition education for low-income, pregnant, breastfeeding and non-
17 breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to five years old found
18 to be at nutritional risk, and

19 WHEREAS, many pregnant women and mothers are linked in to the women,
20 infants and children nutrition program through King County's maternity support services
21 program which provides essential services to high-risk pregnant women and helps deliver
22 healthier outcomes for both mother and baby, and

23 WHEREAS, the women, infants and children nutrition program and maternity
24 support services face significant reduction and elimination, respectively, due to the state
25 and federal budget crisis, and

26 WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health has been a strong leader in
27 promoting access to healthy foods and preventing obesity through countywide regulations
28 on nutritional labeling and trans fat, a resolution on school nutrition and guidelines on
29 healthy vending, and

30 WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health has encouraged King County
31 residents to participate in Soda-Free Sundays through a resolution, and

32 WHEREAS, King County works to increase access to safe, healthy food for all
33 people through its many partnerships and coalitions, including South King County Child
34 Nutrition Collaborative, Communities Putting Prevention to Work, the King County Food
35 and Fitness Initiative, Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities, Seattle Nutrition Action
36 Consortium and The Rainier Valley Eats! Coalition, among others,

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
38 County:

39 A. The Board of Health supports the national Food Day goals of expanding
40 access to food and alleviating hunger and promoting health by curbing junk-food access
41 and marketing to children;

42 B. The Board of Health supports the dozens of local public, private and not-for-
43 profit organizations that are hosting Food Day activities throughout King County and the
44 region;

45 C. The Board of Health encourages the state of Washington to continue
46 supporting healthy food access programs that are critically important to the residents of
47 King County, such as the women, infants and children nutrition program and maternity
48 support services; and

49 D. The Board of Health supports these programs and the hundreds of other local
50 programs and groups with the spirit that "Every day is Food Day."
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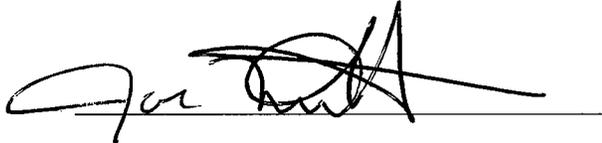
Resolution 11-09 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 10/21/2011,
by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Frisinger, Mr. Hutchinson, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert,
Dr. Nicola and Mr. McDermott

No: 0

Excused: 4 - Mr. Conlin, Mr. Licata, Ms. Clark and Dr. Danielson

BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Joe McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None