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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, change is required at the policy, systems and environment level to provide community conditions that support health and well being, and
WHEREAS, King County government's mission, through its executive, council, Board of Health and Public Health - Seattle & King County, is to identify and promote the conditions under which all people can live within healthy communities and can achieve optimum health; and a long-term goal is to increase the number of healthy years lived by people in King County and eliminate health inequities; and

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

The Board of Health commits to considering equity and fairness in all health policy decisions with a goal of ensuring that, as stated in Ordinance 16948, "decisions increase fairness and opportunity for all people, particularly people of color, low-income communities and people with limited English proficiency [and], when decisions that have
a negative impact on fairness and opportunity are unavoidable, steps are implemented
that mitigate the negative impact."

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

Joe McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None