



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

Resolution 21-07

Proposed No. 21-07.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing October 2021 as Domestic
 2 Violence Awareness Month, supporting funding for
 3 survivor-led services, and committing to model nonviolent
 4 norms, support survivors and continue shared work on
 5 addressing racism and gender-based violence as public
 6 health issues.

7 WHEREAS, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month was established in
 8 October 1987 to create a community dialogue about violence, to advocate for legislation
 9 to protect victims, and to encourage public awareness and action to prevent abuse, and

10 WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of violent, intimidating, and coercive
 11 behaviors that a person uses to gain and maintain power and control over an intimate
 12 partner, and

13 WHEREAS, before the COVID-19 pandemic, one in four women and nearly one
 14 in ten men in the United States reported having experienced intimate partner violence
 15 during their lifetimes, and more than half of respondents to the 2015 National Center for
 16 Transgender Equality Transgender Survey reported some form of intimate partner
 17 violence, and

18 WHEREAS, domestic violence has a severe impact on its victims, including
 19 adverse physical and mental health outcomes and a high risk of homicide, and

20 WHEREAS, one in six homicides is perpetrated by an intimate partner, and

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21 WHEREAS, one in three teens has experienced some form of abuse in a dating
22 relationship, and nearly half of dating college women report experiencing violent or
23 abusive dating relationships, and

24 WHEREAS, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among
25 families, and

26 WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and two-spirit people
27 ("LGBTQ2S+") experience disproportionate rates of domestic and sexual violence and
28 face unique barriers to accessing support, especially for transgender, genderqueer and
29 non-binary survivors. According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence
30 Survey 40 percent of lesbian women, 61 percent of bisexual women, 26 percent of gay
31 men and 37 percent of bisexual men experience one or more of rape, physical violence
32 and stalking by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetimes, and

33 WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, the King County Board of Health declared Racism
34 a Public Health Crisis, and

35 WHEREAS, individual and community impacts of intimate partner violence are
36 compounded by racial, gender, sexual orientation and other forms of oppression and
37 Black, Indigenous and other people of color, people living in poverty, LGBTQ2S+
38 people; elders, people with disabilities and other people targeted by oppression are
39 affected by intimate partner violence in significant and complex ways, including reduced
40 access to appropriate supports, and

41 WHEREAS, pandemic and disaster response literature suggest that the COVID-
42 19 pandemic has increased risk, particularly for individuals who have already
43 experienced domestic violence, and

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44 WHEREAS, the Seattle Indian Health Board's research division, Urban Indian
45 Health Institute, conducted a study of sexual violence resources for urban American
46 Indian and Alaska Native survivors, and found that 17 percent of survivors surveyed need
47 resources for their physical safety because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the top needs
48 of survivors are direct services, including mental health care and basic necessities like
49 utilities, food access and housing, and

50 WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021, the King County Board of Health heard
51 directly from community partners including leaders from Urban Indian Health Institute,
52 King County Sexual Assault Resource Center and the Coalition Ending Gender-based
53 Violence, on the impacts of COVID-19 on gender-based violence, and

54 WHEREAS, King County is home to an array of innovative, effective programs
55 serving the diverse needs of survivors, including BIPOC and LGBTQ2S+-led and serving
56 organizations;

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

59 A. The board recognizes October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month
60 and joins advocates and communities throughout King County in taking action to prevent
61 domestic violence by standing with survivors committing to build a safer future for all
62 children, young people, adults and families in our community.

63 B. The board supports increased, stable, private and public funding for programs
64 providing survivor-advocacy services throughout King County and urge significant
65 resources for direct services be allocated for BIPOC and LGBTQ2S+ communities.

66 C. The board commits to educate themselves on gender-based violence, to model

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67 nonviolent norms based in respect, consent, and equity and to support survivors in both
68 their personal and professional roles.

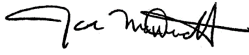
69 D. The board commits to continue shared work on addressing racism and gender-
70 based violence as public health issues.

Resolution 21-07 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 10/21/2021,
by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dr. Daniell, Dr. Delecki, Ms. Honda, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Mr.
McDermott, Ms. Mosqueda, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Morales, Mr. Zahilay and
Ms. Zahn

Excused: 1 - Mr. Baker

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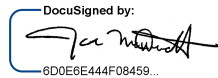
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