

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALTH  
OF ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

# PROCLAMATION

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING )  
A COMMITMENT TO HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES ) RESOLUTION NO. HD-02-23

**WHEREAS**, Health in All Policies (HiAP) is an approach to public policy that recognizes the profound interconnection between public policy decisions and the health and well-being of our communities;

**WHEREAS**, HiAP prioritizes the stepwise consideration of health implications in all decision-making processes, across various sectors and levels of government, to promote the improvement of population health and address health disparities;

**WHEREAS**, HiAP recognizes that social drivers of health are instrumental in shaping health outcomes, encompassing the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, including access to supportive housing, healthcare, nutritious foods, healthy environments, economic opportunities, education, and other vital factors;

**WHEREAS**, HiAP recognizes that health is not solely determined by healthcare services but is profoundly influenced by the disproportionate access to social, economic, and environmental conditions in our communities;

**WHEREAS**, HiAP is committed to addressing social drivers of health as key factors in promoting health equity, acknowledging that historic and current inequities in access to resources profoundly affect health outcomes;

**WHEREAS**, HiAP identifies opportunities to coordinate policymaking, with the goal of reducing health disparities by working with partners to expand access to the social drivers of health;

**WHEREAS**, HiAP strives to prevent and mitigate harmful health impacts that may result from policy decisions, emphasizing the importance of proactive planning, community engagement, and risk assessment to safeguard the health of our population;

**WHEREAS**, HiAP acknowledges that the health of our population is a shared responsibility that transcends the boundaries of individual departments, jurisdictions, and levels of government;

**WHEREAS**, HiAP promotes transparency, inclusivity, and equitable engagement in the policymaking process to ensure that the essential voices of underrepresented community members guide the development, implementation, and evaluation of policies;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, we, the Island County Board of Health, do hereby proclaim our commitment to the principles and practices of Health in All Policies (HiAP); and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, we pledge to integrate a HiAP approach into our policymaking, planning, and implementation processes, with particular attention to health equity and the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, we instruct all governmental and public agencies within Island County to join us in this endeavor, working collaboratively to develop policies that prioritize the health and well-being of our communities, while actively advancing equity, justice, and access to social drivers of health.

**APPROVED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Dec., 2023

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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**Jill Johnson, Chair**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Shawn Morris, Public Health Director**