

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 12-05

A RESOLUTION relating to eliminating systemic racism and health inequities in Clark County.

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, the Clark County Council unanimously resolved to work to eliminate systemic racism and injustice in Clark County; and

WHEREAS, health inequities are created by adverse social, economic, and environmental conditions; and

WHEREAS, systemic racism creates and perpetuates these inequities; and

WHEREAS, communities of color in Clark County have lower life expectancies, fewer educational opportunities, and higher levels of being uninsured than their white counterparts; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is disproportionately impacting communities of color across the country, including Clark County; and

WHEREAS, these disparate outcomes persist even after adjusting for income, education and poverty; and the cumulative result of these systems and structures has contributed to an environment that is persistently unhealthy and unsafe for our communities of color and leaves our communities economically disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, unfair and race-based inequities will continue unless we undertake the necessary work to correct the inequities that perpetuate racism, violence, poverty, and injustice.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, STATE OF WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

The Clark County Board of Health declares systemic racism is a public health crisis and charges the Clark County Department of Public Health to:

- Assess internal policies and procedures to address and reform structures and processes that contribute to race-based decisions and actions.
- Recommend policy changes and improvements to the Board of Health and Clark County Council in order to support this work.

- Pursue opportunities to improve and enhance this work in our community.
- Partner with community agencies and organizations to co-create solutions. To raise the opportunity for every person, regardless of race, to live a healthy and thriving life in Clark County, Washington.

ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF Dec., 2020.

Attest:



Clerk to the Council

CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Eileen Quiring, Chair

Approved as to form only:
ANTHONY GOLIK
Prosecuting Attorney

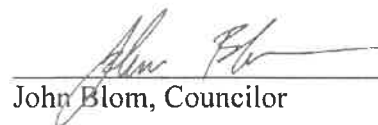
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