



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HEALTH DISPARITIES**

Washington State Board of Health

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## **Resolution 02**

WHEREAS the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities was established by the Legislature in 2006 and is responsible for recommending strategies to eliminate health disparities by race/ethnicity and gender;

WHEREAS Gwendolyn Shepherd was appointed by Governor Gregoire to serve as a consumer representative on the Council in September 2006 and reappointed in September 2011;

WHEREAS Ms. Shepherd served on the Council for 10 years, providing valuable expertise and community perspectives and demonstrating great passion for her work;

WHEREAS Ms. Shepherd brought to the Council a wealth of rich experience, including leadership positions on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs as well as membership on the Equal Start Community Coalition;

WHEREAS Ms. Shepherd was recognized by her peers for her fearless and unyielding commitment to promoting the health of her community and all communities experiencing health inequities, for her engagement of local public health and academia to obtain grant funding, for her gifted ways of drawing you in and making you feel valued, and for her confidence and grace;

WHEREAS Ms. Shepherd demonstrated her commitment to facilitating the transfer of knowledge from one generation to the next;

WHEREAS Ms. Shepherd passed away on March 23, 2016 and will be dearly missed by all she touched, including her fellow Council members and staff; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council recognizes and thanks Gwendolyn Shepherd for more than 35 years of outstanding work in the social services and public health fields and 10 years of service to the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities.

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Emma Medicine White Crow, Chair