



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

Washington State Board of Health

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## **Resolution 03**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities was established by the Legislature in 2006 to advise the Legislature, Governor, and state agencies on strategies to eliminate health disparities;

**WHEREAS**, Emma Medicine White Crow was appointed by Governor Gregoire to serve as a consumer representative on the Council on September 14, 2006; she was elected to serve as Vice Chair by her fellow Council members on May 23, 2007; she was appointed by Governor Gregoire to serve as Council Chair on October 18, 2010 and reappointed on September 22, 2011; and she was reappointed by Governor Inslee on September 14, 2016;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Medicine White Crow chaired the Council's advisory committees on diabetes and obesity and adverse birth outcomes and represented the Council on several committees including the Governor's Council for the Healthiest Next Generation and the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities' Region X Health Equity Council;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Medicine White Crow brought to the Council a wealth of rich experience: consultant, project director, evaluator, and trainer for numerous health and healthcare topics including healthcare reform implementation, long term care, diabetes, substance abuse prevention, suicide prevention, breast cancer, rural health, infant mortality, and education policy;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Medicine White Crow is a recognized mentor and authority on the issues of tribal health, health equity, and social justice;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Medicine White Crow has demonstrated herself to be a compassionate and effective leader and advocate for tribes, communities of color, children, elders, the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, and all diverse communities;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Medicine White Crow has accomplished all this with kindness, warmth, humility, and a spirit of collaboration, thus creating a welcoming atmosphere of safety and inclusion at the Council;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council recognizes and thanks Emma Medicine White Crow for her eleven years of dedicated and outstanding service to all of Washington's diverse communities by working to eliminate health disparities as the chair of the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities.

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Benjamin Danielson, Chair