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MOTION NO. 9660

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A MOTION endorsing the establishment of a natural medicine clinic in King County and requesting the county executive to include funding for the clinic in the 1996 executive proposed budget.

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WHEREAS, in February, 1995, the county council unanimously approved Motion 9491, which requests the county executive to prepare a plan for establishing a natural medicine clinic in King County, and

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WHEREAS, in response to the motion, in August, 1995, the executive transmitted to the council a report titled "Final Report: Plan for Natural Medicine Clinic", and

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WHEREAS, in the report the executive proposes an approach that would establish a natural medicine clinic as a two-year pilot project in an existing primary health care clinic for low income persons, and

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WHEREAS, the clinic would emphasize treatment of a variety of conditions through an integrated approach between natural and conventional medicine, and

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WHEREAS, the executive estimates that the annual cost of such a clinic, depending on its size, would range between \$830,000 and \$2.1 million, including evaluation costs, and

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WHEREAS, a program of natural medicine integrated with conventional medicine gives the best possible opportunity for

1 people to achieve quality health care and wellness at the
2 most affordable cost, and

3 WHEREAS, natural medicine has frequently proven to be
4 successful by treating the root cause of the problem, and

5 WHEREAS, the executive is in the process of preparing
6 for council review and approval the executive proposed budget
7 for 1996, and

8 WHEREAS, if funding for the natural medicine clinic is
9 approved in the 1996 budget, the clinic could open in the
10 spring of 1996;

11 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King
12 County:

13 A. The county council endorses the establishment of a
14 natural medicine clinic in King County pursuant to the
15 provisions of Motion 9491 and as reflected in the county
16 executive's "Final Report: Plan for Natural Medicine Clinic"
17 dated August, 1995.

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2 B. The county council requests the county executive to
3 include funding in the 1996 executive proposed budget
4 and encourages the executive to develop ways to accommodate
5 the clinic. In accomplishing this goal, the executive is
6 encouraged to actively pursue traditional as well as creative
7 options, including applying for grant funding, re-
8 prioritizing existing county agency budgets, considering
9 phasing implementation, seeking fees from users, including
10 third party reimbursements, and pursuing public/private
11 partnerships.
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13 PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 18th day of
14 September, 1995.

15 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
16 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

17 Kent Pullen
18 Chair

19 ATTEST:

20 Janet Masuo
21 Deputy Clerk of the Council

22 Attachments: None
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