

December 11, 1997

Introduced By: Maggi Fimia

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Proposed No.: 97-582

MOTION NO. **10377**

A MOTION addressing the recommendations of the 1997  
King County Health Action Plan

WHEREAS, pursuant to Motion 9718, adopted December 11, 1995, the King  
County Executive, in cooperation with the Mayor of Seattle, convened an advisory panel to  
“study the health status and the changing state of health care in King County and  
recommend actions to the Metropolitan King County Council by which King County and  
the Health Department can most appropriately carry out their roles to protect and promote  
the health of the residents of King County”, and,

WHEREAS, that study has been completed and presented for review to the King  
County board of health, and,

WHEREAS, the board of health has endorsed the recommendations of the report,  
while noting that there are a number of issues and programs not addressed by the report,  
including natural medicine, and,

WHEREAS, King County established the nation’s first publicly funded natural  
medicine clinic which has gained broad recognition for King County and the State of  
Washington, and

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WHEREAS, The natural medicine clinic program includes a research component, directed towards examining the outcomes of natural medicine practices, its cost effectiveness and patient satisfaction, and

WHEREAS, The integration of natural medicine with conventional medical practice, with each contributing its most useful features towards the health and well-being of patients, holds significant promise for patient outcomes, and WHEREAS, natural medicine, integrated with conventional medicine, can be an important tool in achieving quality, affordable health care, and should be addressed in the recommendations of the 1997 King County Health Action Plan;

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

The county executive is requested to undertake the development of a natural medicine supplement to the King County Health Action Plan, which would incorporate information and data from the early experience of the natural medicine clinic and other natural medicine sources and make recommendations addressing natural medicine as an element of general healthcare within the county, and,

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Consistent with the provisions of King County Ordinance 12538, Section 80, the Plan is otherwise fully endorsed and recommended for implementation by the Seattle King County Department of Public Health, with specific regards to those elements for which it has responsibility, and commended to the various appropriate jurisdictions, interests and institutions for their review and consideration.

PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January,  
1998.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

*Louise Miller*  
Chair

ATTEST:

*Zimmerman*  
Clerk of the Council

Attachments: