

RESOLUTION NO. 15007

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF VENTURA TO ADOPT A
HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES FRAMEWORK IN THE COUNTY OF VENTURA**

WHEREAS, this Resolution requests that County of Ventura agencies adopt a Health in All Policies Framework to encourage inter- and intra-agency collaboration with an emphasis on the environmental and social factors that contribute to poor health and inequities when developing policies, programs, and plans; and

WHEREAS, Ventura County and its residents face a growing health and economic burden of largely preventable chronic illnesses such as heart disease, stroke, obesity, and diabetes; additionally, people in disadvantaged communities often have fewer resources to address such health impacts, which is reflected in significantly higher burdens of chronic illness, worse health outcomes, and shorter life expectancies; and

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of all people is a critical element in supporting a healthy Ventura County, including economic sustainability, increasing workforce participation and productivity, and slowing the ongoing rise in medical care expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the physical, economic, and social environments in which people live, learn, work, and play influence the adoption of healthy practices, by making it more or less difficult for individuals to choose behaviors that promote or diminish health. These environments are significantly shaped by policy decisions developed by various County agencies and departments outside of the health sector such as: housing, transportation, education, air quality, parks, criminal justice, and employment; and

WHEREAS, policy decisions made outside the health sector impact the social determinants of health and, as such, cross sector collaboration with the many other governmental agencies, businesses, and community-based organizations that are best positioned to create healthy communities is essential; and

WHEREAS, strategies to create healthy communities create co-benefits by simultaneously supporting county goals of improving air and water quality, protecting natural resources and agricultural lands, increasing the availability of affordable housing, improving infrastructure systems, planning sustainable communities, and addressing climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Health in All Policies approach is promoted by the World Health Organization, and is being used internationally and in California to achieve better health outcomes and greater sustainability by incorporating a health and equity lens into policy development across all government sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Health in All Policies Framework uses health as a linking factor in bringing people together from across sectors to address major societal issues, focuses on co-benefits and win-win strategies, and harnesses the power that agencies and departments can bring through their areas of individual expertise; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Community Transformation Leadership Team, which includes representation from a broad range of community public and private sector organizations, agencies and institutions countywide, has reinforced the need to work collaboratively across government organizations to improve the health of Ventura County residents with policy systems and environmental changes in support of healthier living opportunities. The Community Transformation Leadership Team and its member community partners will serve as community advisory body on implementing a County of Ventura Health in All Policies Framework to encourage inter- and intra-agency collaboration on social and environmental factors that impact health.

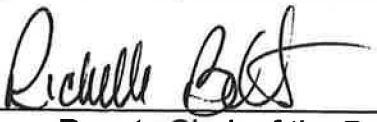
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors, adopt and support a "Health in All Policies Framework" throughout our County agencies and departments, and serve as a role model for incorporating the "Health in All Policies Framework" countywide.

Upon motion of Supervisor Lens, seconded by Supervisor Bennett, and duly carried, the Board hereby adopts the following resolution on the 27th day of January, 2015.


Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura

ATTEST:

MICHAEL POWERS,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura, State of California.

By: 
Deputy Clerk of the Board

