



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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**Resolution 2025-01**

**WHEREAS** the State Constitution established the Washington State Board of Health in 1889;

**WHEREAS** the Board provides a forum for developing public health policy in Washington State and is empowered to hold hearings and explore ways to improve the health status of the citizenry;

**WHEREAS** Governor Jay Inslee appointed Dimyana Abdelmalek, MD, MPH, to the Board in October 2022 to represent local health officers in Washington, and subsequently reappointed her in September 2023;

**WHEREAS** Member Abdelmalek's interest and passion for health is reflected by her bachelor's degree in biology and advanced degrees in emergency medicine and global health, and has taken her from Berkeley, California, to the Bronx, New York, and from Cleveland, Ohio, to Cairo, Egypt, where she has dedicated herself to emergency medicine and improving access to health services for those in need;

**WHEREAS** Member Abdelmalek has demonstrated a profound commitment to serving others and advancing community health, particularly in institutionally underserved communities in the U.S. and abroad;

**WHEREAS** Member Abdelmalek has exemplified extraordinary leadership in public health by serving in the critical role of Health Officer for Thurston County amid the COVID-19 pandemic, demonstrating grace, compassion, and unwavering dedication and leadership during unprecedented times;

**WHEREAS** Member Abdelmalek has served as Chair of the Board's Health Promotion Subcommittee since September 2023, providing leadership and guidance on critical health promotion topics, including newborn screening, communicable disease prevention, maternal health, oral health equity, and more;

**WHEREAS** Member Abdelmalek has provided invaluable expertise to the Board on critical issues, including clandestine drug labs, notifiable condition reporting requirements, and school environmental safety;.

**WHEREAS** Member Abdelmalek enhanced engagement and communication between the Board and Washington's Local Health Officers, and is highly regarded by her colleagues and Board staff for her thoughtful questions and valuable insights;

**WHEREAS** Member Abdelmalek has accomplished this and more demonstrating fairness, kindness, good humor and an unfaltering graciousness;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board formally recognizes and expresses deep gratitude to Member Abdelmalek for her exceptional leadership, dedication to public health, tireless service to communities worldwide, and outstanding contributions to the people of Washington State as a member of the Board.