

MODEL RESOLUTION LANGUAGE FOR ALIGNMENT WITH OMB SPD 15

Purpose

A resolution is a framework designed to promote consistency and efficiency when adopting a specific topic or issue. Resolutions ensure accountability by aligning actions with structure and clarity, and they provide clear steps to enhance education, awareness, and advocacy. The draft language aligns text that can be repurposed to confirm the 2024 update to the Office of Management and Budget Statistical Policy Directive No. 15 (SPD 15) and to incorporate data standards into resolutions for various state legislative associations supporting data disaggregation and demographic data collection.

RESOLUTION LANGUAGE

Whereas *high-quality standardized data is essential to identifying opportunities, better target access to care and health care resources, and improve care delivery;*

Collecting and analyzing data disaggregation, particularly race and ethnicity data, and empowering individuals and communities to identify and inform evidence-based actions are necessary to improve health outcomes and reduce disparities.

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the [ORGANIZATION NAME] urges state legislatures, state health departments, and other state agencies and institutions to make data collection standards for race and ethnicity a high priority and to work to ameliorate factors that lead to inadequate data collection practices that hinder population visibility in data sets, data consistency, data sharing, and interoperability, through the following measure:

- *States should address gaps in data infrastructure that prevent comprehensive analysis of the impact of policies and initiatives on different populations by supporting efforts to standardize and centralize data collection.*
- *States should encourage alignment with federal data collection standards by adopting the March 2024 revision of the Office of Management and Budget Statistical Policy Directive No. 15, Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity.*
- *States should align with federal data-collection standards to ensure that all communities are fully and accurately represented in the data collected, thereby improving health outcomes.*