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Each year the Department of Health (DOH) produces a report, entitled *Health Equity in New Mexico: A Report on Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, with the goal of identifying and tracking disparities so that diverse organizations and agencies, including DOH, can implement evidence-based interventions to improve health equity in the state (<http://nmhealth.org/publication/view/report/1346/>). SJM15 would support the efforts of DOH, and potentially all other state agencies, by stating that state agencies should review their policies and practices to ensure they do not support institutional racism. Implementation of SJM15 could improve future outreach strategies in ethnic and racial communities that help to eliminate health disparities and improve health equity.

SJM15 supports the goals of *Healthy People 2020*, a national health promotion and disease prevention initiative, which calls for achieving health equity (i.e., the elimination of health disparities) through interventions in the five key areas of the social determinants of health, which include: health and health care, social and community context, education, economic stability, and neighborhood and built environment (<https://www.healthypeople.gov/>).

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