INITIATIVE 980

I, Sam Reed, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal hereby certify that, according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy of Initiative Measure No. 980 to the People is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to an alternative to abortion; adding a new section
- 2 to chapter 43.70 RCW; making an appropriation; and prescribing
- 3 penalties.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The sum of one million dollars, or as much
- 6 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
- 7 June 30, 2009, from the general fund to the department of health for
- 8 the purpose of paying for embryo transfers as an alternative to
- 9 abortion.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
- 11 to read as follows:
- 12 (1) The department of health shall adopt rules establishing a
- 13 program to allow payment of up to ninety percent of the cost of an
- 14 embryo transfer as an alternative to abortion, within the funds
- 15 appropriated for this purpose.
- 16 (2) Any person who receives funds under the program established
- 17 under this section through fraud is subject to a civil penalty of five
- 18 times the amount of funds received.