

***TEMPLATE* Resolution to Secure State Funding to**

Support Communicable Disease Control for Population Health

1 **WHEREAS,** Wisconsin has no dedicated, stable federal and state funding sources for
2 communicable disease control and prevention efforts; and

3 **WHEREAS,** A strong public health infrastructure is paramount to the health of all
4 citizens; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Emerging and existing communicable diseases threaten health security,
6 economies, and quality of life for all; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Communicable diseases such as ebola, H1N1, measles, HIV and AIDS,
8 tuberculosis, influenza, measles, syphilis, gonorrhea, rabies, hepatitis,
9 polio, and pertussis, can threaten the lives and well-being of Wisconsin
10 residents; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Emerging and re-emerging threats such as ebola, H1N1, SARS, and
12 measles threaten personal and community safety and require substantial
13 resources to contain;

14 **WHEREAS,** Whereas, bloodborne pathogens that cause long-term disease such as
15 Hepatitis C are occurring at unprecedented rates – rates that are
16 accelerating as a result of the opiate epidemic, and;

17 **WHEREAS,** Wisconsin local health department communicable disease programs
18 protect residents by investigating and controlling communicable diseases,
19 collecting data, educating the community about prevention and the
20 importance of immunizations, and caring for those affected by these
21 diseases; and

22 **WHEREAS,** Public health departments have been successful in controlling
23 communicable diseases through case reporting and involvement of public
24 health staff in referral of exposed persons for screening and prevention
25 services; and

26 **WHEREAS,** Evidence in the scientific literature indicates that partner notification
27 services are not adequately assured in the absence of specific public
28 health staff involvement; and
29 **WHEREAS,** Local health departments and the State of Wisconsin have demonstrated
30 commitment, competence and success in assuring the confidentiality of
31 persons with reported communicable disease for decades, including
32 cases of AIDS; and
33 **WHEREAS,** Local health departments have placed a high priority on communicable
34 disease control; and
35 **WHEREAS,** Communicable disease control is one of the ten essential functions of
36 public health; now, therefore, be it
37 **RESOLVED,** That the _____ [Board of Health or County Board or appropriate
38 policy-making entity] urges the state legislature to develop and enact
39 bipartisan support for funding of comprehensive, sustainable, effective
40 and evidence based communicable disease control and prevention for
41 the public's health.

Signed:

Date:

Final endorsed resolution should be sent to the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) at walhdab@badgerbay.co, or 563 Carter Court, Suite B, Kimberly, WI 54136. Final endorsed resolution should also be sent to all state legislators whose constituents are within the jurisdiction. Resolution updated 10/17/16.doard