

***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; and
- 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 in Dane County has
17 contributed to a greater than 70% increase in the number of hepatitis C
18 reports in the last five years and;
- 19 **WHEREAS,** Wisconsin local health department communicable disease programs
20 protect residents by investigating and controlling communicable diseases,
21 collecting data, educating the community about prevention and the
22 importance of immunizations, and caring for those affected by these
23 diseases; and
- 24 **WHEREAS,** Public health departments have been successful in controlling
25 communicable diseases through case reporting and involvement of public
26 health staff in referral of exposed persons for screening and prevention
27 services, and Public Health-Madison & Dane County has specifically been

28 successful in controlling tuberculosis, meningitis, hepatitis A, hepatitis B,
29 and measles in Dane County during the last five years; and

30 **WHEREAS,** Evidence in the scientific literature indicates that partner notification
31 services are not adequately assured in the absence of specific public
32 health staff involvement; and

33 **WHEREAS,** Local health departments and the State of Wisconsin have demonstrated
34 commitment, competence and success in assuring the confidentiality of
35 persons with reported communicable disease for decades, including
36 cases of AIDS; and

37 **WHEREAS,** Local health departments have placed a high priority on communicable
38 disease control, with Public Health-Madison & Dane County
39 contributing \$17.75 million towards communicable disease between 2009
40 and 2013; and

41 **WHEREAS,** Communicable disease control is one of the ten essential functions of
42 public health; now, therefore, be it

43 **RESOLVED,** That the Board of Health for Public Health-Madison & Dane County urges
44 the state legislature to develop and enact bipartisan support for funding
45 of comprehensive, sustainable, effective and evidence based
46 communicable disease control and prevention for 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