

**Board of Health for Madison and Dane County**  
*Resolution #2016 – 04*

**Resolution to Accept Funding for the Cities Connecting Children To Nature Initiative**

Promoting the health of children and families and increasing health and racial equity are core goals and strategic priorities of PHMDC. Time spent playing and learning outdoors can increase physical activity, educational engagement, and mental health among children and families. This resolution will allow us to accept funding to support a city-wide planning effort to connect children to nature in meaningful ways, focusing specifically on increasing opportunities among children of color and families who are economically disadvantaged.

The Cities Connecting Children to Nature initiative, funded through the National League of Cities and the Children and Nature Network, has selected Madison, Wisconsin to take part in an 8-month planning process (February – August 2016) to engage community partners in developing a city-wide plan to connect children to nature. Madison is one of 6 U.S. cities awarded this competitive grant of \$25,000, and the leadership team includes PHMDC, City Parks, and Alder Rebecca Kemble.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County, on behalf of Public Health—Madison and Dane County, is authorized to enter into an agreement with the National League of Cities accepting \$25,000 to fund a planning process to connect Madison's children to nature, and the director is authorized to sign the agreement.

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Introduced: February 8, 2016 Executive Committee of the Board of Health  
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