

## **\*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](mailto: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*