

## **\*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](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*