

1 **BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY**
2 **RESOLUTION (City #94210 / County #2026 BOH RES-023)**
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5 **Authorization to Accept Funds from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services**
6 **through the Environmental Public Health Tracking Program's "Taking Action with Data"**
7 **Grant Program for the *Take a Hike, Not a Tick* Project (2026 BOH RES-023)**
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10 **WHEREAS**, Public Health Madison & Dane County (Public Health) seeks authorization to
11 accept funds of \$10,000.00 from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) for the
12 *Take a Hike, Not a Tick: Building Tick Awareness Infrastructure in City and County Parks*
13 project; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, In the Spring 2026, Public Health collaborated with the DHS Vector-borne Disease
16 Unit and piloted three (3) Tick Check Stations throughout City of Madison and Dane County
17 Parks; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, Public Health Madison & Dane County was awarded \$10,000.00 through the
20 Environmental Public Health Tracking Program's "Taking Action with Data" grant opportunity to
21 support expanded tick-related outreach and education in Dane County; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, Public Health will use these funds to build on its pilot Tick Check Stations and
24 collaborate with the City of Madison Parks and Dane County Parks to identify additional station
25 locations; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, the funds will also support development of a comprehensive outreach plan for
28 Spring 2027, strengthening of bilingual educational materials, and planning for data product
29 development such as a potential tick dashboard; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, these activities will help address the rising Lyme disease burden and increasing
32 tick activity documented in Dane County;
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34 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
35 on behalf of Public Health Madison & Dane County hereby authorizes the Director of Public
36 Health, or their designee, to apply, sign the agreement, accept and expend the funding, and
37 amend the 2026 Public Health Budget by \$10,000.00.
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