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## Resolution Public Health Funding Crisis

**Whereas**, local public health departments are responsible for providing preventive and mandated public health services, including but not limited to, communicable disease control, food service sanitation, sexually transmitted disease control, immunizations, hearing and vision screenings, drinking water supply safety and onsite sewage management, and

**Whereas**, the agreement between local health departments and the State of Michigan to bear half (50%) the cost of providing these services has not been maintained by the State, and

**Whereas**, the burden of fulfilling these requirements to provide the most basic services is becoming increasingly more challenging for local public health departments to meet, and

**Whereas**, lack of increases in State funding has increased the burden on local government to fund programs the state mandates. Today health departments and local government fund 70% of the cost of state mandated services and,

**Whereas**, the demand for services such as Family Planning, Immunizations, and WIC (Women, Infants and Children) have increased exponentially in the past year due to the downturn in Michigan's economy,

**Therefore be it resolved**, the Michigan Association for Local Public Health hereby requests the Michigan Legislature add \$5 million for Local Public Health Operations (LPHO) in the Department of Community Health budget for fiscal year 09-10, and

**Let It Be Further Resolved**; the Michigan Association for Local Public Health requests the Michigan State Legislature restore the following (Healthy Michigan Fund and Department of Community Health) cuts proposed in the Governor's budget recommendation:

- Reductions in Sexually Transmitted Disease funding
- Reductions in Family Planning funding
- Elimination of methamphetamine clean-up funding
- Reductions to chronic disease prevention
- Elimination of funding for poison control centers
- Elimination of funding for the Nurse Family Partnership
- Elimination of funding for Local Public Health Physician Recruitment Project

and,

**Let It Be Further Resolved;** the Michigan Association for Local Public Health implores the Michigan Legislature to not make any further reductions to State revenue sharing payments to counties, and

**Let It Be Further Resolved;** that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the Michigan State Senators and Representatives.

Adopted by the MALPH Board of Directors on April 13, 2009.