RESOLUTION NUMBER 36-2016

RELATING TO SUPPORT TO SECURE STATE FUNDING FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 15th day of November 2016 does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, Green Lake County and Wisconsin as a whole, has no dedicated, stable federal and state funding sources for communicable disease control and prevention efforts and,

WHEREAS, a strong public health infrastructure is paramount to the health of all citizens, and;

WHEREAS, emerging and existing communicable diseases threaten health security, economies, and quality of life for all, and;

WHEREAS, communicable diseases such as Zika, Ebola, H1N1, measles, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, influenza, measles, syphilis, gonorrhea, rabies, hepatitis, polio, and pertussis, can threaten the lives and well-being of Wisconsin residents, and;

WHEREAS, local health department communicable disease programs protect residents by investigating and controlling communicable diseases, collecting data, educating the community about prevention and the importance of immunizations, and caring for those affected by these diseases, and;

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WHEREAS, local health departments and the State of Wisconsin Communicable Disease Program have demonstrated commitment, competence and success in assuring the confidentiality of persons with reported communicable disease for decades, including cases of AIDS, and;

WHEREAS, communicable disease control is one of the ten essential functions of public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Lake County Health Advisory, Health & Human Services and the full County Board of Supervisors, urges the state legislature to develop and enact bipartisan support for funding of comprehensive, sustainable, effective and evidence based communicable disease control and prevention for the public's health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once passed, the County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to members of the Joint Finance Committee, Governor Scott Walker, Wisconsin Legislators representing Green Lake County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.