

RESOLUTION # 72 - 2016

TO: The Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

RE: **SUPPORT TO SECURE STATE FUNDING FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL**

Whereas, Oconto 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, gonorrhoea, 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;

Whereas, local health departments 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.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Oconto 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 Oconto County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Submitted this 20th day of October, 2016

By: **Health and Human Services Board**

Alan Sleeter, Chairperson	Ron Korzeniewski
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Carolyn Barke	Mary Lemmen
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Kathy Gohr	

Reviewed by Corporation Counsel:

Adopted by Vote:

CUM 10.12.2016
 Initials of Date
 Corp. Counsel Reviewed

Ayes: 29 Nays: 1 Absent: 1

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STATE OF WISCONSIN }
 County Oconto } I, Kim Pytlowski
 do hereby certify
 that the above is a true and correct copy of the
 original now on file in the office of the County Clerk and
 that it was adopted by the Oconto County Board of
 Supervisors on this date.
 Date: 10/20/16 *Kim Pytlowski*
 (seal) } County Clerk