RESOLUTION NO. 17-14

Resolution to Secure State Funding to Support Communicable Disease Control for Population Health

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN MEMBERS,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin 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 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, emerging and re-emerging threats such as ebola, H1N1, SARS, and measles threaten personal and community safety and require substantial resources to contain; and,

WHEREAS, bloodborne pathogens that cause long-term disease such as Hepatitis C are occurring at unprecedented rates – rates that are accelerating as a result of the opiate epidemic; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin 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, public health departments have been successful in controlling communicable diseases through surveillance, case reporting, and involvement of public health staff in referral of exposed persons for screening and prevention services; and,

WHEREAS, evidence in the scientific literature indicates that partner notification services are not adequately assured in the absence of specific public health staff involvement; and,

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

WHEREAS, local health departments have placed a high priority on communicable disease control and is one of the ten essential functions of public health;

SO, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dodge County Board of Supervisors urges the state legislature to develop bipartisan support for and the enactment of sustainable funding of comprehensive, sustainable, effective and evidence based communicable disease control and prevention for the public’s health; and,
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dodge County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all Wisconsin State Legislators with a constituency within Dodge County, the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 20th day of June, 2017.

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Vote Required: Majority of Members present.

Resolution Summary: A Resolution to Secure State Funding to Support Communicable Disease Control for Population Health.

ADOPTED
BY DODGE COUNTY BOARD

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Karen J. Nelson
County Clerk