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RESOLUTION

on Conscientious Objection Legislation

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) supports the availability of a broad array of public health and health care services; and

WHEREAS, MALPH believes barriers to receiving these services should be reduced and wherever possible eliminated; and

WHEREAS, House Bills 5206, 5276, 5277, and 5278 establish the ability of health professionals and institutions to object to providing any care or service; and

WHEREAS, House Bills 5206, 5276, 5277, and 5278 may therefore actually decrease access and increase barriers to receiving needed care and services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that MALPH opposes House Bills 5206, 5276, 5277, and 5278 due to their far reaching and overly broad approach; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MALPH convey its opposition to the members of the Michigan Legislature.

Adopted by the Michigan Association for Local Public Health Board of Directors, May 10, 2004

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