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Resolution to
Advocate for Prioritization of Public Health Services When the
State's Share of the Cost Is Less Than 50% for the Services

Whereas, Michigan's local public health departments support the provision of quality public health services mandated to be provided on a statewide basis; and

Whereas, the funding provided by the Michigan Departments of Agriculture, Community Health, and Environmental Quality to conduct these mandated services has not kept pace with inflation rates for the past ten years; and

Whereas, local funds appropriated to support the delivery of these mandated services now comprise over 70% of the total funding for these services; and

Whereas, the local funds appropriated to support the delivery of the mandated services should comprise no more than 50% of the total costs; and

Whereas, local funds appropriated to support these services are declining; and

Whereas, Michigan's local public health departments will no longer be able to provide these mandated services if state funding appropriated for these services is not increased to 50% of the total cost of these mandated local services as required in Section 333.2475 of the Michigan Public Health Code;

Therefore Be It Resolved; MALPH and its representatives to its committees will advocate for increases in state and federal funding; and

Let It Be Further Resolved; MALPH will advocate for local health departments not to be held accountable for meeting minimum performance standards for state mandated services unless the state is able to cover 50% of the total costs for these services; and

Let It Be Further Resolved; MALPH will work with the Michigan Departments of Agriculture, Community Health, and Environmental Quality to convene a group co-chaired by an equal number of state and local representatives to annually develop and present to the Governor and Legislature a proposed set of basic and required services and documentation of the cost of delivering those services beginning in 2009 as required by Part 23 of the Public Health Code.

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