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RESOLUTION 2009-6

PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING CRISIS

WHEREAS, the Mid-Michigan District Health Department is responsible for providing preventive and mandated public health services, including but not limited to, communicable disease control, food service sanitation, sexually transmitted disease control, immunizations, hearing and vision screenings, drinking water supply safety and onsite sewage management, and

WHEREAS, the agreement between local health departments and the State of Michigan, per the Public Health Code, PA 368 of 1978, MCL 333.2475, to bear one-half (50 percent) of the cost of providing these services has not been maintained by the State, and

WHEREAS, the burden of fulfilling these requirements to provide the most basic services is becoming increasingly more challenging for local public health departments to meet, and

WHEREAS, lack of increases in State funding has increased the burden on local government to fund programs the State mandates. Today, health departments and local government fund 70% of the cost of state-mandated services and,

WHEREAS, the demand for services such as Family Planning, Immunizations, and WIC (Women, Infants and Children) have increased exponentially in the past year due to the downturn in Michigan's economy, and,

WHEREAS, proposed cuts in Family Planning services will result in 4,000 less women being served in the State. Teen pregnancy increased in the State in 2006 for the first time since the early 1990s and about 50 percent of those births are covered by Medicaid – the State should be increasing this preventive care line item rather than reduce it and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Clinton County Board of Commissioners hereby requests the Michigan Legislature add \$5 million for Local Public Health Operations (LPHO) in the Department of Community Health budget for fiscal year 2009/2010, and

2. That the Clinton County Board of Commissioners requests the Michigan State Legislature restore the following (Healthy Michigan Fund and Department of Community Health) cuts proposed in the Governor’s budget recommendation:
 - Reductions in Sexually Transmitted Disease funding
 - Reductions in Family Planning funding
 - Reductions to Chronic Disease Prevention
 - Elimination of Methamphetamine Clean-up funding
 - Elimination of funding for Poison Control Centers
 - Elimination of funding for the Nurse Family Partnership and,

3. That the Clinton County Board of Commissioners implorers the Michigan Legislature to not make any further reductions to State revenue sharing payments to counties, and

4. That a copy of this resolution be submitted to the Michigan House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and to the Michigan State Senators and Representatives serving the residents of Clinton, Gratiot, and Montcalm Counties.

Yes:	_____	Seven (7)
No:	_____	None (0)
Absent:	_____	None (0)
Abstain:	_____	None (0)

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held April 28, 2009 and is on file in the records of this office.

 Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk