

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 03 (2017/18)

Re: Supporting State Funding to Local Public Health Agencies for Communicable Disease Control

WHEREAS, one of the highest priorities for public health in Wisconsin and across the country is to prevent and control communicable diseases, including familiar diseases like influenza, tuberculosis, and common STDs as well emerging threats such as the Zika virus, Ebola and Middle East respiratory syndrome, and

WHEREAS, currently there are no dedicated, stable state funding sources to local health departments and boards for surveillance, investigation, control, and prevention of communicable diseases under Wis. Stat. §§ 251.05(2)(a) and 252.03(1), and

WHEREAS, a strong local public health infrastructure is paramount to the health of all citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Public Health Association and the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards support a funding initiative whereby there would be the creation of a continuing appropriation of \$2,500,000 per fiscal year (for a total of \$5,000,000 over the 2017/19 biennium) for communicable disease control and prevention in Wisconsin to be distributed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to local health departments, and

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County Board has seen the importance of having a vigorous, well-funded and engaged local public health presence through the operations and activities of the Public Health Division of the Health and Human Services Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors supports the funding initiative of the Wisconsin Public Health Association and the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards and 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.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Sheboygan County's legislative delegation and to the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of April, 2017.

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