

RESOLUTION #29-2015

Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Health and Aging Committee, Board of Health

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has no dedicated, stable federal or state funding sources for communicable disease control and prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, according to Trust for America’s Health, Wisconsin ranks 46th in the nation for state public health funding for local health departments (\$13.10 per capita in Wisconsin compared to a median of \$27.49 per capita nationwide), and

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

WHEREAS, communicable diseases such as Ebola, H1N1, Measles, HIV and AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Hepatitis can threaten the lives and well-being of Wisconsin residents and require substantial resources to contain; 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 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 have placed a high priority on communicable disease control; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately twenty-four Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Rules that require local health departments to investigate, prevent, and control communicable diseases.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors urges the state legislature to appropriate \$2.5 million each fiscal year statewide to support comprehensive, sustainable, effective and evidence- based communicable disease control and prevention programs.

Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ ¾ Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes _____ No _____ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date:

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Approved by the Health and Aging Committee, Board of Health Committee this 12th day of March, 2015.

Consent Agenda Item: YES NO

Offered and passage moved by: _____
Supervisor

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_____ Ayes
_____ Nays
_____ Absent
_____ Abstain
_____ Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this _____ day _____, 2015.

_____ Defeated

Mary Bartelt, County Clerk David Hintz, County Board Chair