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RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH'S UNILATERAL REDUCTION OF FUNDING FOR STATE MANDATED SERVICES

Whereas, the Public Health Code of the State of Michigan mandates that local public health boards provide certain services and that the local boards meet certain minimum program requirements; and

Whereas, the Public Health Code Administrative Rules, Section 2475, provides that the local public health board is not required to provide those service or meet those standards until a 50% reimbursement level is reached by the state; and

Whereas, the Mid-Michigan District Health Department did enter into an agreement with the Department of Community Health for fiscal year 1996-97 that contractually obligated the State to pay 50% reimbursement for the mandated services and standards; and

Whereas, the Mid-Michigan District Health Department did provide the services and did increase agency personnel to meet the minimum program requirements during the fiscal year 1996-97; and

Whereas, the Department of Community Health determined at the end of the fiscal year 1996-97 that the costs incurred by the Mid-Michigan District Health Department were reasonable and allowable; and

Whereas, the Department of Community Health paid all costs under the contract; and

Whereas, the Department of Community Health during the current fiscal year has insufficient funds allocated to pay local health departments for mandated services and minimum program requirements; and

Whereas, the Department of Community Health has determined that it could balance its own budget by unilaterally rescinding its agreement to pay for mandated services already performed and paid for in the amount of \$114,161 for fiscal year 1996-97; and

Whereas, the Department of Community Health has sought to recoup its payments by decreasing the current fiscal year payments by \$114,161;

Whereas, the Department of Community Health is projecting further budget reductions for mandated services provided by Mid-Michigan District Health Department during this fiscal year in the amount of \$ 125,818; and

Whereas, the Mid-Michigan District Health Department is moving to reduce services and programs to cover the combined expected shortfall of \$ 239,979.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners objects to the unilateral actions of the Department of Community Health in violation of its contractual obligations and in violation of the Headlee provisions.

Be It Further Resolved that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners urges the Mid-Michigan District Health Department to join with other public health boards in seeking complete restitution of the payments for mandated services for FY 1996-1997 and for a reasonable period of time during FY 1997-1998 until program expenditures may be reduced and a new agreement is reached with the Department of Community Health.

Be It Further Resolved that the County Clerk transmit a copy of this resolution to Senator Rogers, Representatives Cropsey and Harder, the Michigan Association of Counties, and Mr. James Haveman, Director of Community Health.

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 January 27, 1998 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk