

New Jersey State League of Municipalities Resolution No. 2014 – 12

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**Supporting Public Health Accreditation Readiness**

**WHEREAS** Municipalities across New Jersey are facing increasing and wide-ranging impacts from new epidemic diseases, severe weather events, potential bioterrorism, and costly burdens of ill health from chronic disease, requiring a *robust local Public Health system*; and

**WHEREAS** nationally accepted standards for Public Health Accreditation have been established to ensure the provision of the 10 Essential Public Health Services, *to improve the quality and delivery of public health services*; and

**WHEREAS** health departments across the nation are being encouraged by national partners:

- Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB),
- National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO),
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO),
- National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI),
- National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH),
- Public Health Foundation (PHF) and
- National Indian Health Service (NIHS)

to work towards *accreditation readiness*; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJ Local Boards of Health Association (NJLBHA) supports accreditation readiness activities of local health departments; and

**WHEREAS**, local health departments across the country are actively pursuing accreditation readiness, with more than 50 local and state health departments already fully accredited; and

**WHEREAS**, accreditation readiness will ultimately improve the health status of New Jersey citizens, while improving the effectiveness and efficiency of health department governance and administration; and

**WHEREAS**, accreditation readiness maximizes resources, and results in local health department transparency and accountability for improving health outcomes in local communities ; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJ Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) supports accreditation readiness through education and training opportunities, technical support, and stipends to local health agencies; and

**WHEREAS** the New Jersey Commissioner of Health has led efforts with the NJ Department of Health to prepare and apply for public health accreditation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, hereby supports the principle of local Public Health Accreditation Readiness; and urges local governmental officials to support this initiative in order to achieve healthier communities where we live, work and play ; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Public Health Readiness positively impacts the health of all residents of New Jersey, the State of New Jersey should provide funding to off-set any cost associated with the accreditation process; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of the Department of Health, members of the New Jersey General Assembly and State Senate, the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

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