Disparities Resolution
Passed December 5, 2014

Whereas, the Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 Baseline and Health Disparities Report provides baseline data for the health focus areas in Healthiest Wisconsin 2020; and

Whereas, the Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 Baseline and Health Disparities Report includes critical information documenting a wide range of significant health disparities among Wisconsin communities and populations, as defined in Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 as “... differences in the incidence, prevalence, mortality, burden of diseases and other adverse health conditions or outcomes that exist between population groups based on age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual identity or orientation, gender identity, educational attainment, economic status, geography, disability or special health care needs, or other categories. ...”; and

Whereas, Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 declares a bold and attainable vision, "Everyone Living Better, Longer;" and

Whereas, this vision reflects the plan’s twin goals of (1) improving health across the life span and (2) eliminating health disparities and achieve health equity; and

Whereas, the data and findings included in the Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 Baseline and Health Disparities Report can be used by government agencies, public health officials, and the public to develop and refine programs designed to support the health of Wisconsinites;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Wisconsin Public Health Council encourages the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to broadly disseminate the Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 Baseline and Disparities Report; and

Be it further resolved, the Wisconsin Public Health Council encourages all entities charged with protecting and promoting public health to utilize the findings of the Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 Baseline and Health Disparities Report to help guide the development or refinement of public health policies and programs.

Be it finally resolved that this resolution be disseminated to the Governor, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Deputy Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Administrator of the Division of Public Health, the Wisconsin Minority Health Leadership Council, state legislators, Wisconsin’s Congressional delegation, other gubernatorial-level Councils in the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Wisconsin Local and Tribal Health Officers, the Wisconsin Public Health Association and the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards.