

**Emergency Preparedness Funding Resolution**  
**Approved by the Wisconsin Public Health Council, April 13, 2007**

The State of Wisconsin recognizes the primary importance of emergency preparedness and response to the continued vitality of the state, its economy, and population. Therefore we will strive to fully fund emergency preparedness plans and systems. To this end, we propose action to provide state matching funds in connection with the Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Act of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress. This federal law requires state matching of Public Health Preparedness funds, beginning in federal fiscal year 2009. The Act states that:

"Beginning in fiscal year 2009, in the case of any State or consortium of two or more States, the Secretary may not award a cooperative agreement under this section unless the State or Consortium of States agree that, with respect to the amount of the cooperative agreement awarded by the Secretary, the State or consortium of states will make available (directly or through donations from public or private entities) non-federal contributions in an amount equal to—

(i) for the first fiscal year of the cooperative agreement, not less than 5 percent of such costs (\$1 for each \$20 of Federal funds provided in the cooperative agreement); and

(ii) for any second fiscal year of the cooperative agreement, and for any subsequent fiscal year of such cooperative agreement, not less than 10 percent of such costs (\$1 for each \$10 of Federal funds provided in the cooperative agreement).

Therefore, because of this recent legislation, and in order to sustain the preparedness levels Wisconsin has achieved, the Public Health Council urgently requests that matching funds -- 5 percent of federal preparedness funding in federal fiscal 2009 and 10 percent in subsequent years -- be included in the next state biennial budget.