

AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AGENT STATUS

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SAWYER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO BECOME AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AGENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

WHEREAS, State statute 97.615 (2)(am) and 97.41 (1m) states the department may enter into a written agreement with the local health department which designates the local health department as the agent of the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection for issuing licenses and making investigations or inspections; and

WHEREAS, Chapter ATCP 74, Subchapter I, ATCP 74.01 of the Administrative Code authorizes issuing licenses to and investigations or inspections of hotels, motels, and tourist rooming houses (ATCP 72), restaurants (ATCP 75), bed and breakfasts (ATCP 73), campgrounds and camping resorts (ATCP 79), recreational and educational camps (ATCP 78), mobile home parks (SPS 326), public swimming pools (ATCP 78), and vending machine operations (ATCP 75); and

WHEREAS, Chapter ATCP 74, Subchapter II, ATCP 74.21 of the Administrative Code authorizes issuing licenses to and investigations or inspections of retail food establishments (Chapter ATCP 75); and

WHEREAS, currently not all of the 600+ Sawyer County establishments are being inspected annually, therefore, the State is encouraging counties to become agents for the State; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer County relies heavily on, and takes pride in its tourism industry, and has a strong desire to ensure everyone's safety by establishing food and sanitation standards that provide protection for our local residents as well as our tourist based economy; and

WHEREAS, food and water security and safety are a significant concern as contaminated food and water have been identified and linked with major outbreaks of illnesses including outbreaks associated with e. coli, cryptosporidium, salmonella, and other organisms; and

WHEREAS, a rapid and coordinated environmental health response is required to control the spread of food borne illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer County Health Department environmental health professionals can establish a growing, working relationship with local facilities to answer any questions and work together in solving operational issues; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer County Health Department environmental health professionals are also valuable resources for area operator questions in the area of lead, radon, mold, asbestos, and mercury; and

WHEREAS, the annual license fees generated from these inspections will sustain this program and other funding sources will be explored to help support this program; and


WHEREAS, Sawyer County has an opportunity to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the Environmental Health program, expand services, and shorten response times, as well as maintain capacity for public health emergencies; and

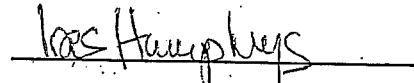
36 WHEREAS, Public Health concerns are increasing and changing rapidly. Local public health departments working
37 in partnership with State agencies to oversee food, lodging, and recreational facilities provides an ideal
38 infrastructure to best meet current and upcoming challenges.

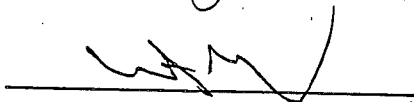
39 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors authorizes Sawyer County Health and
40 Human Services approval to become Environmental Health "Agents" of the Department of Agriculture, Trade
41 and Consumer Protection.

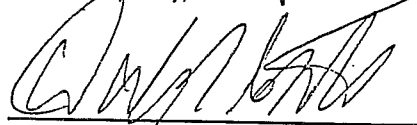
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43 FINANCIAL IMPACT TO SAWYER COUNTY: None
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45 Recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Health and Human Services Board on October 19, 2017

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48 Tweed Shuman, Chairman

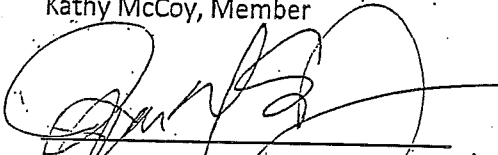

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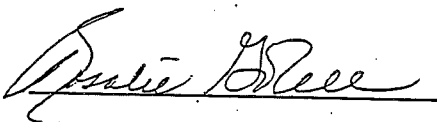
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