GREATER FLINT HEALTH COALITION

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING A DISASTER DECLARATION AND STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF FLINT AS A RESULT OF THE FLINT WATER CRISIS

WHEREAS, the Greater Flint Health Coalition is a Flint, Michigan based collective impact organization whose mission is to improve the health status of the residents of Genesee County and to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of the health care system in the community;

WHEREAS, the Greater Flint Health Coalition Board of Directors is composed of representatives and leadership from Flint & Genesee County’s hospitals, physicians, healthcare providers, health insurers, businesses, government agencies, educators and schools, organized labor, and community residents;

WHEREAS, the Greater Flint Health Coalition Board of Directors has engaged in multiple discussions and reviewed detailed information regarding the state of the City of Flint’s water supply and its potential and documented health impacts to all residents;

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2015, the Greater Flint Health Coalition Board of Directors adopted a resolution calling for an urgent Health Advisory in the City of Flint to alert the public of the multi-part impacts of elevated levels of lead in the City of Flint water supply on all residents, with emphasis on the public health threat to children;

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2015, the City of Flint issued a Lead Health Advisory;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2015, the Genesee County Board of Commissioners and Genesee County Health Department issued a Public Health Emergency urging residents not to drink the city’s water until it is checked for lead or they have installed an approved water filter;

WHEREAS, the multi-part, short and long-term impacts on the Flint community and population resulting from the Flint water crisis will require increased resources to appropriately address resident health and safety, provide secondary prevention and education to all residents, and address and repair infrastructure deficiencies;
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Greater Flint Health Coalition’s Board of Directors encourages Michigan Governor Rick Snyder to make a disaster declaration and state of emergency for the City of Flint as a result of the water crisis, allowing the city and state to apply for further resources to address the water crisis over the short and long term.

THIS RESOLUTION has been adopted effective November 16, 2015.

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Peter Levine, Secretary

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