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COUNTY BOARD, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ADJOURNED REGULAR SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2006 SESSION

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD:

Your Chairman presents herewith a Resolution recognizing the contributions of Lake County Clerk Willard Helander as a partner and advocate of the preparedness efforts made by Lake County in conjunction with National Public Health Week; and requests its adoption.

Respectfully Submitted,



Suzi Schmidt, Chairman
Lake County Board

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, for the past twelve years the first week of April has been nationally recognized as National Public Health Week, a time when the public health community focuses on issues that are important to improving the public's health; and

WHEREAS, the American Public Health Association has declared that this year's theme is "Take the First Step! Preparedness and Public Health Threats: Addressing the Unique Needs of the Nation's Vulnerable Populations."; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with National Public Health Week 2007, it is appropriate to highlight local efforts to prepare Lake County for public health threats; and

WHEREAS, Lake County Clerk Willard Helander stands out as a partner and advocate of the Lake County Emergency Medication Distribution Plan, a plan allowing for the use of 164 polling place sites to distribute emergency medication to Lake County Residents in the event of an outbreak, such as pandemic flu; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Helander has actively supported the development of this plan by advocating enthusiastically at every community forum conducted by the Health Department, including forums for municipalities, law enforcement, fire fighters, school superintendents, and township supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Helander has demonstrated her dedication to working with the Health Department by committing a staff member as a liaison to the project, which has been instrumental in the day to day support and activity necessary to the success of the project; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Helander introduced amendment language to the agreement between the Clerk's Office and the 164 polling place sites which specified the use of the polling places for emergency medication distribution. Virtually every polling site administrator approved the amendment; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Helander developed and printed an advisory for election day distribution which informed voters of the use of polling places as emergency medication distribution sites; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Helander has supported the Emergency Medication Distribution Plan in ways too numerous to list, and she continues to serve as a great resource as the plan continues to grow and serve as a national model.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in the spirit of National Public Health Week, it is fitting to recognize the contributions of Lake County Clerk Willard Helander to the preparedness efforts made by Lake County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Lake County Board, the Lake County Board of Health and the entire staff of the Lake County Health Department express sincere gratitude to Ms. Helander for her participation in the construction of the Emergency Medication Distribution Plan, and applaud her for her interest in public health.

DATED, at WAUKEGAN, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, on this 8th day of May A.D., 2007.