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Dear Premier Ford and Minister Elliott:

At its regular Board meeting on June 26, 2019, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit passed the following resolution related to the public health transformation initiative in northeastern Ontario:

***Whereas**, since November 2017, the boards of health in Northeastern Ontario, namely the Boards for Algoma Public Health, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, Porcupine Health Unit, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, and Timiskaming Health Unit, have proactively and strategically engaged in the Northeast Public Health Collaboration Project to identify opportunities for collaboration and potential shared services; and*

***Whereas**, the Northeast Public Health Collaboration Project work to date has been supported by two one-time funding grants from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (Ministry); and*

***Whereas**, subsequent to the proposed transformation of public health announced in the April 11, 2019, provincial budget, the work of the Collaboration has been accelerated and reoriented as the Northeast Public Health Transformation Initiative with the vision of a healthy northeastern Ontario enabled by a coordinated, efficient, effective, and collaborative public health entity; and*

***Whereas**, the Board understands there will be opportunities for consultation with the Ministry on the regional implementation of public health transformation;*

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit is committed to the continued collaboration of the boards of health in Northeastern Ontario and looks forward to ongoing Ministry support for this work; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Board, having engaged in this work since 2017, anticipates sharing with the Ministry its experiences so that other regions may benefit and further anticipates providing to the Ministry its expert advice on public health functions and structures for the Northeast; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that this motion be shared with the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Vic Fedeli, MPP – Nipissing, Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound-Muskoka, John Vanthof, MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Ontario Boards of Health, and member municipalities.

Sincerely yours,



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