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Title: Establish and Maintain Stand-Alone Michigan Department of Public Health

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House Action: **APPROVE**

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Public Health has ceased to exist as a separate state agency since 1996, and

Whereas, the components of the department were delegated to several other governmental agencies, and

Whereas, as a result of this disintegration, emphasis on public health and preventive medicine at the state level has diminished, and

Whereas, disease prevention and wellness promotion are by far the best ways to insure healthy citizens, address problems such as obesity and infant mortality, and to cut down on the ever rising costs of clinical health care, and

Whereas, Michigan’s public health administration now resides within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and is one of many departments and agencies that have been consolidated within the MDHHS, and

Whereas, a stand-alone Department of Public Health would improve efficiency and help in overall management and implementation of Michigan’s Public Health Code mandates, and

Whereas, the Flint water crisis highlights the lack of public health coordination, manpower, and expertise at the state level attributable to the failure of the state to protect its residents; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS supports the establishment and maintenance of a stand-alone Michigan Department of Public Health that is organized in a way to ensure that an effective structure is in place to prioritize, meet, and respond to the public health needs of Michigan residents.

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