

## **RESOLUTION TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC HEALTH IN NORTH DAKOTA**

- Recognize National Public Health Week (early April each year), Indigenous Public Health Day (April 4), and Public Health Thank You Day (Monday before Thanksgiving), with official proclamations demonstrating strong support for the work of public health in North Dakota (ND) and for the persons who are devoting their lives to work in public health.
- Enact legislation that protects the public's health, supports the public health workforce, and reverses the roll-back in public health authority that was enacted in the 2021 legislative session.
- Establish a ND Public Health Workforce Loan Repayment Program for individuals who have earned a Masters, or Doctorate degree in Public Health from one of ND's accredited public health programs, are Certified in Public Health, and have a practice location in a ND local or state public health organization.

## **RESOLUTION TO USE STRATEGIES TO REDUCE ALCOHOL-RELATED HARM**

- In addition to all federal excise taxes, increase the excise tax on:
  - Beer in bottles and cans from \$0.16/gallon to \$0.26/gallon
  - Wine from \$0.50/gallon to \$0.87/gallon
  - Liquor from \$2.50/gallon to \$14.27/gallon
- Conduct a study to determine a cost recovery approach to cover the costs of alcohol harm to society.
- Decrease the density of alcohol sales outlets and reduce the hours and the days alcohol sales is allowed.

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS IN NORTH DAKOTA**

- The NDPHA supports the development of connected and planned local food systems that assure that North Dakota nourishes its residents with healthful foods.
- The NDPHA recommends that state agencies utilize information technology and mapping to visualize food retail sources and identify gaps in retail food availability to facilitate planning on a local, regional, and statewide basis.
- The NDPHA recommends coordination and collaboration among state agencies, tribal governments, and local public health to bring focus and resources to healthful food supplies for all North Dakota residents.

## **RESOLUTION ON OPPOSING HIV CRIMINALIZATION**

- Requests that current legislation is reviewed as recommended in the National HIV/AIDS Strategy Federal Implementation Plan strategy 3.1.1 to ensure HIV statutes promote public health approaches to HIV prevention and care.
- Requests the no person living with HIV in North Dakota be able to be imposed with HIV-related penalties and criminal offenses for behaviors that pose no risk of HIV transmission or in situations in which no transmission of HIV occurs.
- Requests the promotion of public education regarding the screening, prevention and treatment of HIV to decrease the stigma and discrimination and against people living with HIV in North Dakota communities.