

# OVERALL INITIATIVE & PATHWAY RESOLUTION



## PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, one of the fundamental principles of public health is that all people have the right to achieve optimal health;

WHEREAS, individuals interact with the environment constantly and these interactions affect quality of life<sup>1</sup>;

WHEREAS, features of the built environment impact health-influencing behaviors, physical activity patterns, social networks and access to resources<sup>1</sup>;

WHEREAS most events resulting in injury, disability, or death are predictable and preventable<sup>2</sup>;

WHEREAS, [Community] recognizes that enhancing the community's ability to respond to a public health emergency can also improve emergency response for events, such as naturally occurring or man-made disasters;

WHEREAS, preventing substance use and abuse and promoting responsible alcohol use can improve the overall health and quality of life of a community;

WHEREAS, zip codes can be a predictor of health outcomes. The average life expectancy for residents in Hamilton County is just over 77 years, with a range as low as 69 and as high as 85; the average life expectancy of [Community] is [INSERT] years.<sup>3</sup>

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that [Community] hereby recognizes the importance of partnering with public health to examine strategies aimed at reducing chronic disease; preventing intentional and unintentional injuries; improving our community's ability to respond to a public health emergency; protecting the natural environment from environmental hazards; preventing substance use and abuse; creating social and physical environments that promotes healthy living and equal opportunity for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that [Community] will establish a WeTHRIVE! Team consisting of, at a minimum, a [council member/trustee], a [Community] administration member and two residents of [Community]. The WeTHRIVE! Team will be responsible for leading community health and wellness efforts and serving as a liaison between [Community] and Hamilton County Public Health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that [Community] will select one or more of the WeTHRIVE! pathways and conduct an assessment, develop an action plan, and prioritize strategies aimed at improving the health, safety, and vitality for all community members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the [Community] WeTHRIVE! Team shall designate a representative to participate on the WeTHRIVE! Community Learning Collaborative facilitated by Hamilton County Public Health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that [Community] will implement community programs, conduct education or awareness campaigns, and/or adopt policies when appropriate to address health and safety issues identified through the assessment, data review, and prioritization process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the [Community] WeTHRIVE! Team shall report back to the [Adopting Body] quarterly regarding steps taken to implement this Resolution, additional steps planned, and any desired actions that would need to be taken by [Adopting Body] or other agencies or departments to implement the steps taken or planned.

1. Environmental Health—Healthy People 2020

2. Injury and Violence Prevention—Healthy People 2020

3. Boeshart, T., Carlson, D., Davidson, C.S., Lordo, K.L., Samet, M.J., Does Place Matter? Health Equity in Hamilton County, Ohio: Hamilton County Public Health, Department of Community Health Services, August 2015.