

RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 8

**RESOLUTION ABOLISHING THE
WORCESTER COUNTY HEALTH PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL
AND INSTEAD AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF
LOCAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITIONS BY THE HEALTH OFFICER**

WHEREAS, by resolution passed and adopted on October 11, 1988, the Worcester County Commissioners established the Worcester County Health Planning Board to assist in implementing the Health Care Delivery System Action Plan which was also adopted by said resolution and to respond to the Maryland Health Resources Planning Commission on Certificate of Need related issues; and

WHEREAS, by resolution passed and adopted on August 3, 1999, the Worcester County Commissioners abolished the Worcester County Health Planning Board and established the Worcester County Health Planning Advisory Council in recognition that health planning models had been broadened to include a wider definition of health needs focused on community-based health planning which was more effectively addressed by convening individual advisory groups of citizens, key agency and facility representatives to address varying issues of interest; and

WHEREAS, State legislation has since been revised to remove the requirements for Health Planning Advisory Councils or Local Health Improvement Coalitions (LHIC) as they are now referred to, and the State instead advises that local health agencies should manage LHICs with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) elements for community partnership in mind, which dictate that the local health agency engage the public health system and the community to identify and address health problems through a collaborative process; and

WHEREAS, the Worcester County Commissioners have determined that such a collaborative process would best be served by allowing fluid membership of the LHIC, with an emphasis on community coalition building, which will enable the LHIC to maintain its flexibility and effectiveness in addressing health issues as they evolve.

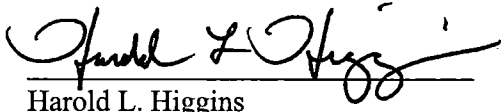
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that:

1. The Worcester County Health Planning Advisory Council is hereby abolished.
2. The Worcester County Health Officer is hereby authorized to establish Local Health Improvement Coalitions (LHIC), as needed, with fluid membership to maintain its flexibility and effectiveness in addressing health issues as they evolve.

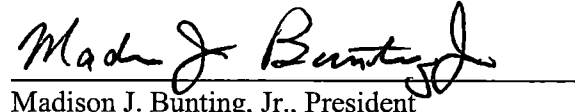
AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

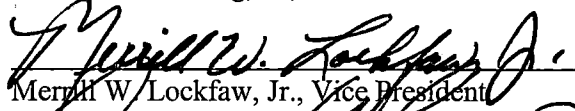
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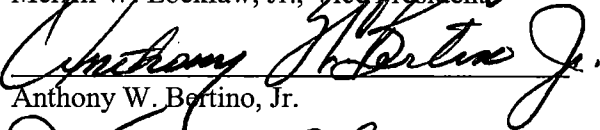
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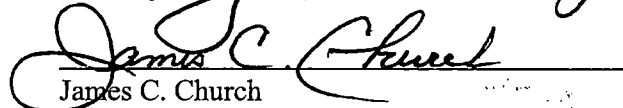

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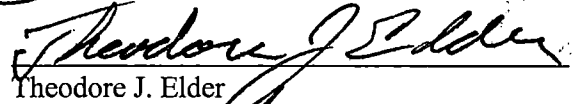
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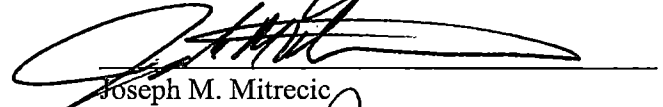

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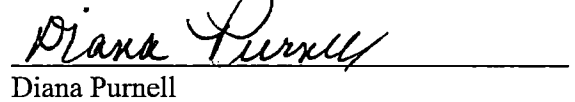

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