TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your County Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) has reviewed the staffing needs of its Clinical & Community Health Services (CCHS) programs as well as public health responsibilities to conduct mandated and essential sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing, treatment, and investigation, as well as sexual health outreach; and

WHEREAS, nurses traditionally perform the majority of tasks in the above mentioned services and vacant nursing positions are increasingly difficult to fill; and

WHEREAS, BCHD has determined a need for additional staff to support timely and effective delivery of said services and programs to Berrien County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has provided additional funding to BCHD from the Local Community Stabilization Authority to be used in support of mandated and essential local health services (Resolution P1912348); and

WHEREAS, through the creation of this new position using said funding, BCHD will be able to sustain required programs with greater adherence to MDHHS program staffing recommendations, community need, and coordination for successful program and public health operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health endorses the following, with an effective date of March 30, 2020:

NEW:
Public Health Investigation Specialist
Grade 7, Union

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves of this complement change effective March 30, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this position will be subject to elimination if funding is no longer available to support it.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

William J Chickering, Chairman

David Vollrath, Vice-Chairman

Teri Sue Freehling