

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-32-CM**  
**RESOLUTION ADOPTING DECLARATIONS OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER**  
**CONCERNING SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Tippecanoe County Health Department is a "local health department" established under IC 16-20 and within the meaning of IC 16-41-7.6-1;

WHEREAS, under IC 16-20-2-2(b) and (c), the executive of Tippecanoe County was authorized to establish and maintain one local health department having countywide jurisdiction and the executive of Tippecanoe County is authorized to adopt health ordinances that apply to the entire County.

WHEREAS, the Tippecanoe County Health Department has declared, in a manner consistent with IC 16-41-7.5-5(1) that there is an epidemic of hepatitis C in Tippecanoe County, that the primary mode of transmission is through intravenous drug use, and that a syringe exchange program is medically appropriate as part of a comprehensive public health response to this epidemic.

WHEREAS, the Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the 21 day of November, 2016, on the Health Department declaration and public testimony was permitted at the hearing.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners, following a public hearing, hereby adopts the declarations of the Tippecanoe County Board of Health which are made part hereof.

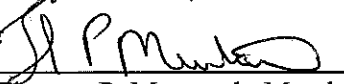
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to IC 16-41-7.5-5(3), this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Commissioner of the Indiana State Department of Health with a request that the Commissioner declare a public health emergency. As required by IC 16-41-7.5-5(3)(C), notification of other measures taken concerning the epidemic that have proven ineffective are set forth in the Declarations of the Tippecanoe County Health Department;

Duly adopted this 21 day of November 2016.

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TIPPECANOE COUNTY

  
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