

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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3 Date of enactment: **10/27/09**
4 Date of publication: _____

5 **VOTE**

6 **2009 RESOLUTION 31**

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8 **Grant Application - Authorization to Accept**
9 **Public Health Emergency Response Allocation**

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11 **WHEREAS**, Washington County Code Section 4.27 requires that all county grant appli-
12 cations be approved by the County Board of Supervisors; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Washington County Health Department is committed to promoting
15 health, preventing disease and protecting health for all; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, communicable disease control and surveillance is a primary responsibility
18 of local health departments in Wisconsin; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, on April 26, 2009, Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services de-
21 clared a public health emergency in the nation due to what is now known as Novel Influenza A
22 (H1N1); and

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24 **WHEREAS**, Governor Doyle has also declared a public health emergency in Wisconsin;
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27 **WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) signaled that a
28 global pandemic of Novel Influenza A (H1N1) was underway by raising the worldwide
29 pandemic alert level to Phase 6; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, since the WHO declaration of a pandemic, the new H1N1 virus has
continued to spread worldwide with localized and in some cases intense outbreaks occurring; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, the United States continues to report the largest number of novel H1N1
cases of any country worldwide and Wisconsin has documented a significant outbreak and had
34 seven deaths to date; and

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36 **WHEREAS**, the CDC anticipates that there will be more cases, more hospitalizations
and more deaths associated with this pandemic in the United States into the fall and winter of
37 2009; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, the H1N1 virus, in conjunction with regular seasonal influenza viruses,
poses the potential to cause significant illness with associated hospitalizations and deaths during
40 the U.S. influenza season; and

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42 **WHEREAS**, the State Department of Health Services Division of Public Health (DPH)
has applied for new Public Health Emergency Response funding from CDC with allocations to
43 all local health departments in Wisconsin for accelerated planning and response to H1N1 In-
44 fluenza; and

