

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 the statutory authority in accordance with the Michigan Public Health Code (P.A. 368 of 1978, as amended) and MDHHS policies and protocols to take measures to ensure the health and safety of our community; and

WHEREAS, the BCHD has an ongoing need to support water filter distribution activities for residents in communities impacted by action level exceedances for lead and to support municipal partners while they work to implement strategies in their effort to mitigate exposure to lead in drinking water; and

WHEREAS, BCHD has been awarded \$65,000 for staffing to support these activities from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, critical staffing related to our ongoing work and response to an action level exceedance for lead is urgently needed to support water filter distribution efforts, local and state partnerships, and outreach and communications with residents; and

WHEREAS, the staffing change proposed will allow for BCHD to appropriately support lead and drinking water related activities and maintain departmental operations while ensuring alignment across all department positions and functions while funding exists; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Health Department seeks approval for the following changes to its staff complement:

ADD:

Public Health Program Assistant (1 FTE)
Grade: 7, Union
Effective Date: November 22, 2020

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the creation of the above named position effective on November 22, 2020.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

William J. Chickering, Chairperson

David Vollrath, Vice Chairperson

Teri Sue Freehling