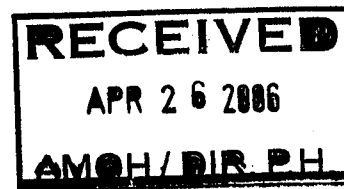




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*Health, everyone's responsibility
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Cornwall, April 20, 2006



The Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Re: **Eastern Ontario Health Unit Board of Health Resolution – Food Premises Regulation**

Hon. Premier McGuinty:

The Board of Health, for the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, at a special meeting held April 19, 2006 considered the above matter and adopted the following resolution and respectfully requests your support and action.

THAT the following resolution of the Board of Health for the Eastern Ontario Health Unit regarding amendment to the *Food Premises Regulation under the Health Protection and Promotion Act*, to allow continuance of church suppers as well as other related social functions in the communities be endorsed:

“WHEREAS there is a long standing tradition of community fund raising suppers being held in Ontario; and

WHEREAS funds raised allow community groups to continue many projects which are vital to the social well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS the present legislation requires appropriate cooking facilities in their respective community halls which would require these community groups to spend enormous and unavailable dollars to meet legislative requirements; and

WHEREAS these community suppers support and reflect the determinants of health by presenting opportunities for community citizens to interact and support each other in a social setting;

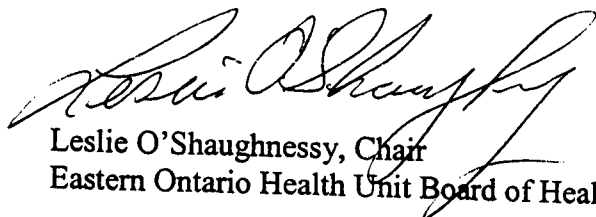
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Province of Ontario be petitioned to change the legislation to allow continuance of church suppers as well as other related social functions in our communities in recognition of their benefits to strengthen and build strong community support systems; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to local municipalities, Ontario Boards of Health, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, the Chief Medical Officer of Health and Members of Provincial Parliament for their support."

Sincerely,



Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Chair
Eastern Ontario Health Unit Board of Health

Copy: Local municipalities
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Hon. George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long Term Care
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