



**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 13-09-06: ENDORSEMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ISSUE 1

WHEREAS, over 52,000 children and adults living with mental illness and alcohol and other drug addiction in Extended Fiscal Year 2012 relied on services funded by or through the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, which receives funding from the Health and Human Services Levies; and,

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of citizens rely on other human services funded by the Health & Human Services Levies, including children and family services, services to seniors, and critical emergency services such as MetroHealth's Burn Center and Life Flight; and,

WHEREAS, with an economy that is slowly recovering, the residents of Cuyahoga County continue to require local health & human services as the need is rising to epidemic proportions; and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council placed a 3.9 mill replacement Health and Human Services Levy: Issue 1 on the November 5, 2013 ballot to generate \$107.8 million in 2014 for health and human services; and,

WHEREAS, when Issue 1 passes, the cost to an owner of a home will be \$11 per month per \$100,000 of the property value; and,

WHEREAS, without voter approval of Issue 1, programs will lose \$76 million in funding, forcing deep cuts to vital emergency services, programs that protect children, help for people living with mental illness and a variety of services that seniors depend on; and,

WHEREAS, the successful passage of Issue 1 will help to maintain and strengthen the critical safety net providing mental health and addiction prevention and treatment services, children and family services, services to seniors, and critical emergency services to the citizens of Cuyahoga County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The ADAMHS Board of Directors hereby strongly endorses and supports the 3.9 mill replacement Health and Human Services Levy: Issue 1 to increase funding to meet mental health and addiction and other vital human services needs of the citizens of Cuyahoga County.
2. The ADAMHS Board of Directors and staff are committed to providing support and services to assist in the passage of the Health and Human Services Levy: Issue 1.

On the motion of Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., seconded by E. Caraballo, the foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously.

AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, S. Killpack, P. Jones, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE ADOPTED: September 25, 2013