

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 an identified need for increased water filter availability and communication following the Action Level Exceedance and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) filter efficacy study; and

WHEREAS, the study conducted by the EPA in the winter of 2021, proved that that the proper use and maintenance of the NSF/ANSI 53 certified filters for the reduction of lead in drinking water is an effective means at reducing the amount of lead in the Benton Harbor City drinking water; and

WHEREAS, a Memo of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Benton Harbor officials will ensure that the BCHD openly and transparently provides filters to those residents in need of a water filter or filtration unit; and

WHEREAS, the MOU will be effective after the approval of this resolution through May of 2023 or upon the substantial completion of the City of Benton Harbor's lead service line replacement (whichever comes first); and

WHEREAS, County Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approve the Memo of Understanding with the City of Benton Harbor and authorizes the Chairperson of the Board or his designee to execute said memo of understanding.

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

Robert P. Harrison, Chairperson

Michael J. Majerek, Vice Chairperson

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RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrative _____	Date 4/4/22
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Corporate Counsel TH _____	Date 4/11/22
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