

## **FLINT WATER CRISIS**

WHEREAS, in April 2014, the 100,000 people of the city of Flint, Michigan, were exposed to elevated lead levels when their drinking water source was changed from Lake Huron and the Detroit River to the less-costly source of the Flint River; and

WHEREAS, insufficient water treatment caused lead to leach from water pipes into the drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the people, including children, have been exposed to unacceptable lead levels due to cost savings over public safety; and

WHEREAS, these decisions created a serious public health danger, including a possible outbreak of Legionnaires' disease that killed 12 people and affected another 87; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Snyder, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the EPA mishandled the crisis leading to a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, more than 6,000 citizens of Flint still are waiting on lead pipe replacement; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Flint relied upon the government to protect them and their children.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED never will a city or state be allowed to make decisions that impact its residents' health and harm the public in order for their government to cut costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the people of the city of Flint be compensated for water bill costs for water that was not safe to drink; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all Flint homes have their lead pipes replaced at no costs to its residents; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the children of Flint who were exposed to lead be given free medical treatment and assistance with their health issues due to the lead exposure.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED JUNE 2019