2001 alPHa RESOLUTION NO. A01-10

TITLE: **Access to Safe Drinking Water**

SPONSOR: Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit Board of Health

WHEREAS access to safe drinking water is a fundamental to good health; and

WHEREAS surface drinking water supplies are inherently unsafe due to the potential for contamination with disease causing micro organisms; and

WHEREAS other requirements have been established under the Ontario Building Code to ensure the health and safety of occupants of residential buildings; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) request the Government of Ontario to amend the Ontario Building Code Act to require that all new residential buildings that will rely on a private surface water supply which includes a dug well, must have effective filtration and disinfection equipment;

AND FURTHER that in order to encourage the outfitting of existing residential buildings alPHa request the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to allow the cost of retrofitting with water filtration and disinfection equipment as tax deductible.

Status of Resolution: **Endorsed by the alPHa membership June 12, 2001**