

**2001 alPHa RESOLUTION NO. A01-5**

**TITLE: Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program Funding**

**SPONSOR: Association of Ontario Public Health Business Administrators**

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario announced in 1997 the introduction of the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program; and

**WHEREAS** the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program is included within the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines, Family Health; and

**WHEREAS** the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program addresses a vital need for early childhood development and supports future health, as described in the Mustard/McCain Early Years report; and

**WHEREAS** the Province committed in 1997 to funding the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program at 100%; and

**WHEREAS** the current funding levels for Health Units are insufficient to meet the Mandatory Programs and Services Guidelines;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Province be called upon to fully fund all Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program direct costs, current and future, and to fully fund the indirect costs related to the operation and administration of this Mandatory Program in a manner consistent with funding formulas for other Mandatory Programs;

**AND FURTHER** that Boards of Health not be called upon to subsidize this program.

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