2004 alPHa RESOLUTION NO. A04-6

TITLE: **Childhood Obesity**

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WHEREAS a childhood obesity epidemic exists in Ontario; and

WHEREAS childhood obesity commonly leads to adult obesity; and

WHEREAS obesity is a risk factor for chronic diseases such as colorectal cancer, diabetes and ischemic heart disease; and

WHEREAS the adverse health effects and related costs of obesity are of great public health significance in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Chief Medical Officer of Health publishes an annual report to highlight and make recommendations with respect to a health topic of great public health significance;

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has struck expert panels in the past to study and develop strategies to address significant public health matters such as tobacco use and infectious diseases;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) urges the Chief Medical Officer of Health to review and make recommendations on childhood obesity in the next annual report;

AND FURTHER that alPHa urges the Government of Ontario to strike an expert panel to study childhood obesity and to recommend an Ontario obesity strategy.

Action from Conference: **Moved: R. Kyle (Durham Region)**
Seconded: I. Parkes (Northwestern)
Carried