

2003 aPHa RESOLUTION NO. A03-7

TITLE: Compensation for West Nile Virus Disease

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

WHEREAS the risk of West Nile virus will not be eliminated in the near term despite the best efforts of the Ontario government, Boards of Health and local municipalities; and

WHEREAS a minority of individuals experiencing West Nile virus infections will develop serious disease and may be left with significant and long-term disability; and

WHEREAS litigation by such individuals to establish fault and compensation will needlessly direct public resources to the process of litigation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies petition the Province of Ontario to establish a no-fault compensation plan for individuals who develop significant and long-term disability from West Nile virus disease.

Action from Conference:

Referred to Board of Directors

Moved: B. MacKay (Toronto)

Seconded: L. O'Connor (Durham Region)