

2005 alPHa Resolution A05-5

TITLE **Access to Dental Care**

SPONSOR: Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry

WHEREAS dental care is not an included service under the publicly funded medical care system and must be financed by individual Canadians;

WHEREAS low income (lower socio economic) individuals tend to suffer higher rates of dental disease and decay;

WHEREAS the current system of publicly funded dental programs varies from community to community, but is very limited for low income families and adults who do not typically have access to private dental benefits packages;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) supports the action of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and calls on the Government of Canada, in consultation with Provincial, Territorial and Local Governments, to develop a comprehensive National Oral Health Strategy that would have, as its goal, providing universal access of both preventive and treatment services to all Canadians.