

**alpha RESOLUTION A07-10**

**TITLE: Publicly Funded Dental Program to Assist Financially Disadvantaged Ontarians**

**SPONSOR: Board of Health for the Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit**

**WHEREAS** oral health is an important component of general health and impacts upon the cost of the general health care system; and

**WHEREAS** poor oral health impacts on a child's speech development, ability to thrive and readiness to learn; and

**WHEREAS** poor oral health can compromise the employability of working-age adults; and

**WHEREAS** poor oral health compromises the quality of life of seniors; and

**WHEREAS** there are members of our community who cannot obtain basic dental care because of financial barriers;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care be requested to begin the process of developing a publicly funded dental program that assists Ontarians who face financial barriers in accessing basic dental care.

*MOTION TO DISCUSS LATE RESOLUTION: H. MULLIGAN (Brant)*

*SECOND: M. HARDING (Thunder Bay)*

**Motion to be heard CARRIED**

*MOTION: D. JACKSON (Hastings and Prince Edward)*

*SECOND: R. KYLE (Durham)*

**Resolution: CARRIED**