

aIPHa RESOLUTION A10-1

TITLE: Amending Regulation 565 To Improve Public Swimming Pool Admission Standards

SPONSOR: Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health

WHEREAS the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario has recommended the implementation of admission standards for public swimming pools to improve surveillance over activities of young children in order to prevent drowning fatalities of young children in public swimming pools; and

WHEREAS drowning is the second leading cause of preventable death in Canada among children and an estimated 58 children age 14 and under drown every year in Canada, while another 140 are hospitalized for near-drowning; and

WHEREAS a major contributing factor in the deaths of children is the lack of adult supervision;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) request that the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care ratify the Coroner's admission standards and amend the Regulation 565 to include these recommended admission standards.

ACTION FROM CONFERENCE: Resolution CARRIED