HURON
COUNTY

August 9, 2016

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The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins
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Dear Ministers,

Re: Lyme Disease

The Board of Health for the Huron County Health Unit passed the following resolution during its August 4, 2016 meeting.

WHEREAS the blacklegged tick, Ixodes scapularis, is expanding into new areas of Ontario, and can carry the bacteria, Borrelia burgdorferi, which causes Lyme disease; and

WHEREAS people who are infected with Borrelia burgdorferi, may develop Lyme disease which can cause long-term consequences if not treated properly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for the Huron County Health Unit requests the Province of Ontario to increase funding to enhance environmental surveillance for the tick;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario monitor the pattern of spread of the tick and the rate of tick infection in various areas of the province;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario develop control measures for the tick;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario increase the education to the population regarding personal protection, property management, testing and treatment.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Board of Health
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