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Oakland County Commissioners Agree to Share Nationally Recognized Food Inspection System with the State of Michigan

Pontiac, MI, [June 12, 2009] — Yesterday the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution to provide the Oakland County E-Health Food Inspection software to the State of Michigan through an inter local agreement. This software was jointly developed by Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) and Oakland County Information Technology (IT). The E-Health system has been recognized as an effective and innovative program by the National Association of Counties (NACo).

“Oakland County’s decision to share this state of the art software with our state and local partners demonstrates our commitment to innovative solutions,” states L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive. Statewide utilization of this system is an opportunity to conserve taxpayer dollars by consolidating resources and increasing efficiencies among food inspection programs.

“The E-Health Food Inspection system will link important statewide data,” states Kathy Forzley, Oakland County Health Division Manager/Health Officer. “This could assist with surveillance activities including early identification of potential food borne illnesses that may occur across multiple jurisdictions”.

“Oakland County’s focus on cross-boundary collaboration through shared technology helps in maintaining services, creating greater efficiency, and reducing costs for everyone,” said Phil Bertolini, Oakland County CIO and Deputy County Executive.

For more information about E-Health, visit the Oakland County Health Division website at www.oakgov.com/health.

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