

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
ALABAMA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION
PARTNERSHIPS TO REDUCE THE PREVENTABLE
BURDENS OF DIABETES**

Whereas, more than 20 million people in the United States have diabetes, and

Whereas, more than 345,300 adults in Alabama have been told they have diabetes; and one in ten Alabama adults have been diagnosed with diabetes making the state fourth among the top ten states in the United States for prevalence of the disease; and

Whereas, statistics show that Alabama has high rates of obesity, adults and young people in Alabama do not engage in much physical activity; eighty percent of adults do not eat fruits and vegetables; the levels of fruits and vegetables consumed by teens are also low; obesity and the lack of physical activity can contribute to an increase in type 2 diabetes; and

Whereas, Partnerships create an excellent opportunity for providing technical assistance, And for capacity building, and

Whereas, the Alabama Public Health Association (ALPHA) is an integral part of the state's diabetes public health system; they have the capacity to share data and analysis, educational resources, and link health care providers, health consortiums, academia, in the state, and

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that ALPHA, the Alabama Department of Public Health Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, and the Alabama Diabetes Network formerly the Alabama Diabetes Advisory Council, are committed to improving health, and

Be It Further Resolved, that ALPHA supports increasing public awareness regarding risk factors, early warning signs, and the importance of early detection for the prevention and treatment of diabetes, and

Be It Further Resolved, that ALPHA supports educating state and local policy makers and the public about the health and economic benefits of preventing type 2 diabetes, and

Be it Further Resolved, that ALPHA supports providing continuing education programs to health care providers regarding the importance of diabetes prevention, detection and treatment, and

Be It Further Resolved, that ALPHA supports increase media exposure for diabetes public service campaigns, and

Be It Further Resolved, that ALPHA and its partners call upon all residents to get into the movement to achieve total wellness, maintain healthy glycemic levels, reduce the preventable burden of diabetes, and maintain a better quality of life.

This resolution was approved by the ALPHA Board on February 11, 2008. The resolution has been presented to the ALPHA membership on April 9, 2008.