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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your County Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Berrien County Health Officer Nicole Britten and Deputy Health Officer Courtney Davis successfully completed the Emerging Leaders in Public Health program through the Kresge Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Kresge Foundation is seeking applications from the Emerging Leaders in Public Health Fellows to increase equity in their health department's COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, this one year project will involve the creation and training of Vaccine Ambassadors who use their relationships with community members to disseminate accurate and timely messages about the COVID-19 vaccinations, work to address concerns that individuals may have, and help individuals to know where and how to get vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Health Department desires to apply for \$50,000 to fund an outreach campaign that utilizes community leaders in both formal and informal roles to increase vaccination rates in the Berrien County census tracts with the lowest vaccination coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health endorses this resolution, pending approval of Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of this grant application to the Kresge Foundation for COVID-19 vaccination outreach.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Robert P. Harrison, Chairperson

Michael J. Majerek, Vice Chairperson

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RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator <u> RJ </u>	Date <u> 5-5-21 </u>
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Corporate Counsel _____	Date _____
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