

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A
FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE FEE INCREASE**

WHEREAS, protecting the public from the hazards of food borne illness and disease is a primary function of Idaho's Public Health Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that one in six Americans, or 48 million people, get sick from foodborne illnesses every year. Approximately 128,000 of these are hospitalized and 3,000 die; and

WHEREAS, the annual dollar costs of foodborne illnesses in terms of medical expenses and lost wages and productively range from \$51 to \$77.7billion; and

WHEREAS, it is well recognized that foodborne outbreaks can be devastating to a food establishment business; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Districts are committed to providing an appropriate balance between code enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the food protection system in Idaho presently meets generally accepted state and national standards; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Districts are mandated by the Idaho Food Code to perform at least one food safety inspection per year for each licensed food establishment, but current funding is inadequate to cover the cost of this service;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health supports license fees equivalent to the actual costs for Public Health that are unified between all Health Districts to deliver Idaho's food safety inspection program.

Adopted by the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health

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