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**RESOLUTION #1:
VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

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WHEREAS violence is a pervasive problem impacting the health and well-being of individuals throughout the lifespan, families and communities;

WHEREAS it is important to address the root causes of violence with attention given to many variables such as mental health, alcohol and other substance use, homelessness and vulnerable populations;

WHEREAS a Public Health approach which is multi-sectoral, collaborative and utilizes an ecological framework with focus on research, data collection, promoting primary prevention, promoting social and gender equality and equity and strengthening victim support and care is recommended by the World Health Organization in preventing violence;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT OPHA adopt the position paper *Violence Prevention: Continued call to Action for Ontario* which is based upon the WHO framework for action in, *Preventing violence: A guide to implementing the recommendations of the World report on violence and health (2004)*;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OPHA continue to provide leadership and facilitation in Prevention of Violence Canada- Prévention de la violence Canada;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OPHA continue to work with our multi sector partners to augment the intentional injury prevention component of the Ontario Injury Prevention Strategy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OPHA continue to support the Coalition on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth and the Coalition for Gun Control;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OPHA continue participating in activities and partnerships that enhance violence prevention surveillance, research, program implementation and evaluation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OPHA continue to advocate for the social determinants of health to improve protective factors and decrease risk factors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OPHA continue to advocate with the provincial government for effective primary prevention strategies which are adequately resourced and implemented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OPHA continue to advocate with the provincial government for increased coordination of violence prevention initiatives between sectors.

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