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RESOLUTION #2

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE "PARTNERS IN HEALTH" LAW, P.L. 89-749, DIRECTS THE GOVERNOR OF EACH OF THE FIFTY STATES TO APPOINT A HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY FOR THE FORMALIZATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLAN. UNTIL SUCH A PLANNING BODY IS APPOINTED AND IN OPERATION, THE OBJECTIVES AND GOALS OF EXISTING HEALTH AGENCIES ARE OF NECESSITY TENUOUS AND UNCERTAIN, IN THAT THEY MUST ULTIMATELY CONFORM TO THE GOALS OF THE PLANNING AGENCY IN ORDER TO QUALIFY OR CONTINUE TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL GRANT-IN-AID MONEY AND OTHER FUNDS OF A SIMILAR NATURE.
2. THE CONSIDERABLE MAJORITY OF STATES HAVE HAD APPOINTED AS THEIR HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. IN ARIZONA THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE THE NECESSARY EXPERTISE AND OVERVIEW OF HEALTH MATTERS ON A STATEWIDE BASIS TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN ANY OTHER GROUP IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, IT IS THE WILL OF THE ARIZONA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE BE ASKED TO DESIGNATE THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS THE PLANNING AGENCY UNDER P.L. 89-749.