

## News Release

### **Board of Commissioners unanimously adopts Nelson resolution requiring online restaurant and food safety reports**

*Bipartisan vote will ensure consumers have access to critical public health information*

**February 6, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI.** – In an effort to increase transparency, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution requiring the Oakland County Health Department to post restaurant and food safety inspection reports online.

“Consumers deserve access to this important information in an easy, accessible, transparent format,” Commissioner **Kristen Nelson** (D-Waterford), who introduced the resolution, said. “This change in policy is all about giving people the tools they need to make educated decisions to protect their health and safety.”

Each year, foodborne diseases lead to 128,000 hospitalizations and 3,000 deaths in the United States.

The new policy will be enacted within 90 days, upon signature of the resolution by Oakland County Executive David Coulter. Oakland County will join Macomb County, Wayne County and the City of Detroit, which have adopted similar policies.

“The public requires and deserves easy public access to all restaurant inspections,” Chairman **David T. Woodward** (D-Royal Oak) said. “With this new policy, Oakland County is increasing transparency and working to further promote public health across the county.”

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#### *Resolution Quick Facts*

Require Restaurant and Food Safety Inspection Reports to be Posted on Searchable Online Database

Date of introduction: January 22, 2020

Referred to: Healthy Communities and Environment Committee

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