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TO: Executive Board
Indiana State Department of Health

FROM: Terry Whitson 
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RE: Declaration of Emergency and Adoption of Emergency Rules for the Disposition of Aborted Remains

In Senate Enrolled Act 329, the Indiana Legislature declared an emergency for the treatment of aborted remains and directed the Indiana State Department of Health to adopt emergency rules concerning the disposition of aborted remains by July 1, 2015.

The Indiana State Department of Health requests that the Executive Board, at the Board's June 24, 2015 meeting, declare that a rule is necessary to meet an emergency and adopt the proposed emergency rule for the disposition of aborted remains to be effective July 1, 2015. The emergency rule would add definitions and specify the disposal standards to be used by abortion clinics and health care facilities to dispose of aborted remains.