

## Stock Epinephrine Resolution

WHEREAS: According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, food allergies are greatly increasing in number and severity, and hospitalizations due to severe reactions are increasing; and

WHEREAS: Food allergy reactions may include hives, tingling or itchy sensation in the mouth, swelling of the throat, face, tongue, or lips, gastrointestinal symptoms, difficulty breathing, loss of consciousness, and even death; and

WHEREAS: Epinephrine - a drug comparable to the adrenaline produced by the body - is the only medication that can counteract the symptoms of severe allergic reactions -called anaphylaxis -if given promptly; and

WHEREAS: Epinephrine can treat anaphylactic reactions due to food or insect bites or medications or exercise

WHEREAS: More than 200,000 Minnesotans have food allergies, and the number of Minnesota elementary school students affected by food allergies has nearly doubled, to over than 60,000; and

WHEREAS: 25% of anaphylactic reactions in schools are among students that have not been diagnosed with food allergies and therefore do not carry emergency medication; and

WHEREAS: Stock epinephrine has saved the lives of students in other states and in Minnesota;

THEREFORE, be it resolved: that all Minnesota schools stock non-patient specific epinephrine.