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National County Health Rankings Released February 17, 2010

LICKING COUNTY, OHIO – On February 17, 2010, the University of Wisconsin, through funding provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, released The County Health Rankings. The Rankings consist of reports for each state that rank counties by health outcomes and health factors in order to determine the overall health of each county. Licking County ranks in the top 50% in Ohio in both the health outcomes and health factors categories.

“We are pleased to have this information to use as a tool in order further evaluate the public health needs in Licking County.” said Joe Ebel, Licking County Health Commissioner. “This is a landmark project that has provided useful information to the public health community. The report allows our department to determine what we are doing well, and also areas that we need to focus on in order to promote the health of our residents.” Ebel continued. “We will use this report to celebrate our successes, but I also hope that it will mobilize our community in order to participate in programs and policy changes that can ultimately lead to improving the health of Licking County residents.”

For additional information related to The County Health Rankings please visit www.countyhealthrankings.org.

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