

Public Health Association of Nova Scotia

Resolution 3 – Prevent Violence Canada (Approved)

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Whereas violence affects Nova Scotians and is recognized as a public health issue.

Whereas members of the Canadian, provincial and territorial public health associations have formed Prevention Violence Canada (POVC) which is grounded on the World Health Organizations (WHO) *2002 World Report on Violence and Health* and its 2004 implementation guide to preventing violence.

Whereas the World Health Organization (WHO) model, in which the POVC is founded on, sees violence as a result of the interplay between risk factors at varying levels (individual, relationship, community and societal);

Whereas the World Health Organization (WHO), because of the complexity of the issue, stresses the importance of integrated strategies that involve different governmental and nongovernmental sectors.

Whereas POVC is seeking to: develop a comprehensive national prevention strategy and action plan; garner sustained support for a public health approach between all levels of government and their partners and stakeholders, and investment in programs that work; make violence prevention an equal priority to law enforcement; and find data that can measure results.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Health Association of Nova Scotia (PHANS) endorse and support the work of Prevention Violence Canada.