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MINNESOTA RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY AMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Minneapolis – The Minnesota delegation introduced three resolutions at the AMA Annual Meeting, June 23-27 in Chicago. The AMA House of Delegates adopted two and reaffirmed existing AMA policy in response to the third.

The AMA resolved to support efforts to develop national data that will make it possible to monitor the prevalence of diabetes among youth by type; encourage physicians to be more aware of type 2 diabetes in children and promote resources and information about the prevention and treatment of this growing public health threat. (Res. 418 Dysmetabolic Syndrome and Type 2 Diabetes in Children was adopted as amended)

The AMA also resolved to study and develop recommendations regarding the national scope of the problem of psychiatric bed availability and its impact on the nation's emergency and general medicine resources. The AMA will work with the American College of Emergency Physicians, the American Psychiatric Association, the National Association of EMS Physicians, the American Ambulance Association, and others. (Res. 714 Access to Psychiatric Beds and Impact on Emergency Medicine was adopted as amended)

In response to a Minnesota resolution asking the AMA to explore possible restrictions on

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direct-to-consumer advertising for sleep medications and establish a dialogue with drug manufacturers and others in order to encourage modification of the current aggressive marketing tactics for the use of these drugs, the AMA reaffirmed its existing comprehensive policy on direct-to-consumer advertising. (Res. 514, Sleep Medication)

The Minnesota delegation to the AMA includes chair Frank J. Indihar, M.D., and delegates Kenneth W. Crabb, M.D.; Raymond G. Christensen, M.D.; Anthony C. Jaspers, M.D.; Sally Trippel, M.D.; John Van Etta, M.D.; Jason Meyers, medical student, and Robert Grow, M.D., resident. Alternate delegates include John P. Abenstein, M.D.; Gail Baldwin, M.D.; Blanton Bessinger, M.D.; David Estrin, M.D.; Paul C. Matson, M.D.; Benjamin H. Whitten, M.D.; and Dionne Hart, M.D. (resident).

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