FMA Annual Meeting

SUBMITTING A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Business is introduced into the House of Delegates (House) through the presentation of resolutions by voting Delegates on behalf of their county or specialty medical society, special sections, or as individual Delegates. To be considered as regular business, each resolution must be submitted to the FMA no later than June 5, 2026. For more information on resolutions, refer to pages 5-8 of the Procedures of the House of Delegates.

All resolutions should be submitted to Cortney Jones by email at cjones@flmedical.org. For more information, call the FMA at 850.224.6496.

RESOLUTIONS – DEADLINES

Prior to 5 p.m. EDT May 15	1st deadline for publication in the Delegate Handbook
Between May 15 and June 5 at 5 p.m. EDT	2nd deadline for publication in the Handbook Addendum
Between June 5 and July 31 at 11 a.m. EDT	Resolutions received after 5 p.m. EDT on June 5th and before 11 a.m. on July 31st are considered late. Late resolutions will be sent to the Credentials and Standing Rules Committee for consideration of acceptance or rejection. If accepted, the Speaker will refer it to the appropriate Reference Committee at that time.
After 11 a.m. EDT July 31st	Resolutions received after 11 a.m. EDT on July 31st are considered an emergency and will only be considered by the House upon receipt of a two-thirds affirmative vote.

Submit completed resolutions to Cortney Jones @ cjones@flmedical.org

Attached is a sample resolution from 2009 to assist in formatting.

FORMATTING

Title
Sponsor

Whereas statement(s) support and/or provide background to substantiate the intent of the RESOLVED. Include as many whereas statements as necessary to provide the foundation for the intent(s) of the RESOLVED statements.

Whereas statements should end with "; and" when adding another 'whereas' statement, and end with "; therefore be it" on the final whereas statement; and

Whereas a proper "whereas" statement should start 'Whereas, Capitalize the next word'; therefore, be it

RESOLVED statements are requests for the FMA to take a specific position or course of action to address the concern(s) expressed in the whereas statement(s); be it further

RESOLVED statements should be focused and provide a specific, clear direction or action sought by the FMA, should it be adopted; be it further

RESOLVED clause(s) stand alone and should not reference the "whereas" statements or other resolved; be it further

RESOLVED, That "RESOLVED" should always be capitalized and followed with a comma, and the next word should start with a capital letter as well.

To the extent possible, each resolved statement should make adjustments, additions or elaborations to existing policy rather than creating new, possibly redundant policy. The resolved statements should be kept to the minimum number needed to convey the proposed directive.

Resolution 08-25
DMAT Supplies
Duval County Medical Society

Whereas, The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has made the decision to remove, relocate, and consolidate the local equipment caches of the six (6) Florida Disaster Medical Assistant Teams (DMAT) of the National Disaster Medical System to Atlanta; and

Whereas, Separation from its equipment will reduce Florida DMAT Teams' readiness and ability to respond to a major medical event, as training readiness is a function of any team's familiarity with its equipment and the drills conducted during regular training exercises; and

Whereas, Without access to its equipment, Florida DMAT Teams' ability to drill and prepare will, undoubtedly, reduce its ability to effectively and rapidly respond when needed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association petition the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, to reverse its decision to regionally relocate and consolidate DMAT equipment caches for the purpose of promoting local training and deployment readiness.