



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. In order to be considered as regular business each resolution must be submitted to the FMA not later than 45 days prior to start of the first House. For more information on resolutions, refer to pages 5-7 of the Procedures of the House of Delegates.

All resolutions should be submitted to Brittany Jackson at the FMA by email at bjackson@flmedical.org. For more information call the FMA at 850.224.6496.

RESOLUTIONS - DEADLINES

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| Prior to June 8 | 1 st deadline for publication in the Delegate Handbook. |
| Between June 9-22 | 2 nd deadline for publication in the Handbook Addendum. |
| Between June 22 and August 3 | Resolutions received after 5:00 pm on June 22 and prior to 11:00 am on August 3 are considered late. Late resolutions will be sent to the Credentials and Rules Committee to consider whether to accept or reject. If accepted, the Speaker will refer it to the appropriate Reference Committee at that time. |
| After 11:00 am August 3 | Resolutions received after 11:00 am August 3 are considered an emergency and will only be considered by the House upon receipt of a two-thirds affirmative vote. |

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

Submit completed resolutions to Brittany Jackson @ bjackson@flmedica.org/ Fax: 850.224.6627

FORMATTING

**Title
Sponsor**

1 **Whereas,**

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

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6 **RESOLVED,**

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8 *RESOLVED statements are requests for the FMA to take a specific position or course*
9 *of action to address the concern(s) expressed in whereas statement(s).*

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11 *RESOLVED statements should be focused and provide a specific, clear direction or*
12 *action sought by the FMA should it be adopted.*

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14 *RESOLVED clause(s) stand alone, and should not reference the “whereas” statements or*
15 *other resolves.*

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

**Resolution 08-25
DMAT Supplies**

Duval County Medical Society

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

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

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

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