

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

RESOLUTION 609 – PHYSICIAN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Adopted as Amended: A-2008

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- 1 Whereas, Physicians experience health problems at the same frequency as the general
2 population; and
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- 4 Whereas, Physicians with illness may or may not experience impairment in their ability to serve
5 the public; and
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- 7 Whereas, Most states now have robust physician health programs to evaluate and monitor
8 medical professionals with personal health issues; and
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- 10 Whereas, It is an expression of the highest meaning of professionalism for organized medicine
11 to take an active role in helping physicians to lead healthy lives in order to help their patients;
12 therefore be it
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- 14 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support programs related to physician
15 health and wellness, including those offered in conjunction with the Federation of State
16 Physician Health Programs (Directive to Take Action); and be it further
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- 18 RESOLVED, That our AMA convene those interested in medical education in an effort to bring
19 the dialogue about healthy lifestyle and balance early in the careers of medical students and
20 residents (Directive to Take Action); and be it further
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- 22 RESOLVED, That our AMA consider the concept of physician wellness as an element of the
23 AMA Strategic Plan. (Directive to Take Action)