RESOLUTION 609 – PHYSICIAN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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