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RESOLUTION: A3**

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SUBJECT: Amendment to Principles Regarding of Food and Nutrition

TYPE: Resolution of Principles

- 1 WHEREAS AMSA recognizes freedom from hunger as a basic human right; and (p. 56)
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3 WHEREAS around 783 million people do not have access to clean water and almost 2.5 billion
4 do not have access to adequate sanitation; and (1)
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6 WHEREAS 6 to 8 million people die annually from the consequences of disasters and water-
7 related diseases; and (1)
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9 WHEREAS the water crisis is the #1 global risk based on impact to society as of January 2015;
10 and (2)
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12 WHEREAS community water fluoridation is the most cost-effective way to deliver fluoride to
13 people of all ages, socioeconomic status, and education levels; and (3)
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15 WHEREAS community water fluoridation is supported by nearly every public health, medical,
16 and dental organization, including the American Dental Association, American Academy of
17 Pediatrics, US Public Health Service, and World Health Organization; and (3)
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19 WHEREAS community water fluoridation has been shown to save money for families and for
20 the US healthcare system; and (3)
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22 WHEREAS community water fluoridation effectively reduces dental cavities around 25% in
23 adults and children; (3)

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25 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Principles on the Food and Nutrition (p. 56) be
26 AMENDED BY ADDITION to state:

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28 The American Medical Student Association:

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- 30 1. RECOGNIZES freedom from hunger as a basic human right;
 - 31 2. RECOGNIZES easy access to clean, drinkable water as a basic human right.
 - 32 3. In regard to water fluoridation:
 - 33 a. SUPPORTS community water fluoridation.
 - 34 b. URGES all public health departments to provide safe, optimally-fluoridated water
35 to community members.
 - 36 c. OPPOSES non-evidence-based science against community water fluoridation.
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38 FISCAL NOTE: None

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