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**AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2016  
RESOLUTION: A11**

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SUBJECT:	Amendment to Principles Regarding Preventative Medicine and Public Health
TYPE:	Resolution of Principles

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1 WHEREAS the Zika Virus is rapidly spreading among the Americas due to the habits and geography of its host mosquito  
2 species [1]; and

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4 WHEREAS residence in, as well as travel to and from, endemic and epidemic areas will affect significant numbers of  
5 patients; and

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7 WHEREAS several of the now epidemic country outbreaks will be sites of worldwide and regional events; and

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9 WHEREAS the increasing territory of Zika poses a threat to several portions of the U.S., potentially aided through climate  
10 change by vector spread; and

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12 WHEREAS the adult, gestational and developmental effects of Zika pose a substantial public health threat; and

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14 WHEREAS preventive measures for infection of Zika virus have spillover benefits for other similarly transmitted and  
15 related diseases;

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17 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Principles Regarding Preventative Medicine and Public Health (p. 83) be  
18 AMENDED BY ADDITION to state:

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20 **14. SUPPORTS** taking steps to appraise members and the public of resources available to help prevent and recognize  
21 infection and transmission of the Zika virus;

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24 Fiscal note: None

[1] Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2016). Zika Virus. Accessed online at: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>