

## **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.*

5    **RESOLVED,**

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

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

10    *RESOLVED clause(s) stand alone, and should not reference the “whereas” statements or*  
11    *other resolvs.*

12    *To the extent possible, each resolved statement should make adjustments, additions or*  
13    *elaborations to existing policy rather than creating new, possibly redundant policy. The*  
14    *resolved statements should be kept to the minimum number needed to convey the*  
15    *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

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

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

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