

RESOLUTION 88 – 06A

Title: Effectively Reducing Family Violence

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House Action:

Whereas, family violence is a social concern that affects the lives of peoples of all ages, and

Whereas, women and children frequently appear to be the predominant target of violent activities, and

Whereas, proactive and effective protection of individuals threatened or identified as victims of family violence seems weak, sporadic or deficient, and

Whereas, only serious, repeated, documented injury or death prompts law enforcement actions or may cause judiciary proceedings against the perpetrator(s), and

Whereas, the state public institutions charged with the identification and protection of potential or certain victims seem impotent to institute proactive and effective ways and obtain means to, in fact, protect the affected population; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work closely with the appropriate state government agencies, law enforcement, the judiciary, the office of the state Surgeon General, the state Attorney General, the Governor and the legislators to assure that state government agencies with authority and accountability for dealing with this most grave social problem of family violence and elder abuse be properly funded and staffed.

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