

RESOLUTION 36-10A

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3 **Title: Enhancing Public Safety Related to the Food Industry**
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6 **County Delegation**
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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee D**
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12 **House Action: Adopted**
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15 **Whereas, there have been numerous food safety issues in recent years**
16 **related to poor oversight of the food industry and a lack of modernization in the**
17 **food safety system, and**
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19 **Whereas, while the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is responsible for**
20 **overseeing 80 percent of the food supply, yet FDA inspectors average an**
21 **inspection visit to a food facility only once every 10 years, and**
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23 **Whereas, due to this lack of modernization and oversight, health officials**
24 **have struggled to find the source of hazardous food outbreaks causing much**
25 **serious illness and even death, and**
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27 **Whereas, the general public is increasingly concerned about the integrity of**
28 **the food they eat, and**
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30 **Whereas, legislation has been introduced in Congress that would address**
31 **many of the current issues; therefore be it**
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33 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to**
34 **support pending bi-partisan federal legislation such as the Food Safety**
35 **Enhancement Act of 2009 and/or related bills to improve the Food and Drug**
36 **Administration's supervision of the nation's food supply; and be it further**
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38 **RESOLVED: That MSMS support, where appropriate, Michigan-based**
39 **community health initiatives or educational programs that promote public**
40 **awareness of food safety and the source of food products available to consumers.**
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43 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**