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3 **Title: Global Tracking System of Zoonotic Diseases**
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12 **House Action: Adopted**
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15 **Whereas, species jumping pathogens such as the 2009 pandemic**
16 **influenza (H1N1) virus have caused more than 65 percent of infectious disease**
17 **outbreaks in the past six decades¹, and**
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19 **Whereas, disease surveillance in the United States and abroad is not**
20 **very effective in alerting officials to emerging zoonotic diseases which are**
21 **diseases that can be transmitted from other vertebrate animals to humans,**
22 **and**
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24 **Whereas, factors such as global air travel help infections originating in**
25 **one continent spread rapidly across the globe, and**
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27 **Whereas, disease surveillance among animal and human populations**
28 **and preventing spread of infections among and between these two groups are**
29 **vital in preventing emerging diseases of zoonotic origin, and**
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31 **Whereas, the Institute of Medicine has released a comprehensive report**
32 **to improve the current information gathering, distribution and sharing¹;**
33 **therefore be it**
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35 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to**
36 **work with federal government and the Centers for Disease Control and**
37 **Prevention to take the lead, working with global health organizations, to**
38 **establish a global surveillance system of zoonotic diseases in both humans**
39 **and animals with better collaboration of human and animal health sectors**
40 **resulting in improved early detection and responses.**
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42 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**
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¹ Sustaining Global Surveillance and Response to Emerging Zoonotic Diseases. IOM. September 2009. (Accessed on February 6, 2010 at <http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2009/ZoonoticDisease.aspx>)