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3 **Title: Surveying Violence in the Nonhospital Work Environment**

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6 **Delegation**

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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee C**

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12 **House Action:**
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15 **Whereas, the AMA House of Delegates issued a report from the Counsel**
16 **on Medical Services regarding evaluating the increasing incidences of violence**
17 **directed toward physicians and other healthcare personnel in the hospital**
18 **environment; and**

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20 **Whereas, this did not address the increasing incidences of violence and**
21 **threats directed toward physicians and other healthcare personnel in the office**
22 **setting (a.k.a., "the trenches"), and**

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24 **Whereas, there is an escalating increase in threats directed towards**
25 **physicians and healthcare personnel in office settings, and**

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27 **Whereas, the increasing incidence of this violent and threatening**
28 **environment was recently reported in peer reviewed literature (reference to**
29 **article JAMA December 8, 2010, Volume 304, #22), and**

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31 **Whereas, violence and threats in the office setting directed toward**
32 **physicians and healthcare personnel include threats of physical harm, gun**
33 **violence, legal action and refusal to pay appropriate copays and deductibles,**
34 **and**

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36 **Whereas, addressing these issues expends and utilizes resources better**
37 **used to deliver medical care, and**

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39 **Whereas, the current economic climate has driven, is driving and will**
40 **continue to drive exacerbation of such threats in our work environment,**
41 **therefore be it**

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43 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan State Medical Society Delegation to the**
44 **AMA ask the AMA Counsel on Medical Services to survey its membership**
45 **regarding violence and threats directed toward physicians and healthcare**
46 **personnel in the nonhospital work environment and that such a report be ready**
47 **for the Interim Meeting in 2012; and be it further**
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49 **RESOLVED:** That the Michigan State Medical Society in conjunction with
50 **Michigan Medical Group Management Association (MMGMA) survey the MSMS**
51 **membership regarding violence and threats directed toward physicians and**
52 **healthcare personnel in the nonhospital work environment, and that this**
53 **information be distributed to the MSMS membership at the Annual House of**
54 **Delegates Meeting in 2012 or 2013; and be it further**

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56 **RESOLVED:** That this report contain suggested solutions, including
57 **advocating for legislative action, to help protect patients, health care personnel**
58 **and physicians from violent and threatening work environments.**

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE