

**Southern Health Association
Resolution
Injury Prevention and Control**

WHEREAS, injuries are a major public health problem and leading cause of premature death and potential life lost; and

WHEREAS, unintentional injuries was the fifth leading cause of death among Americans in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the cost of medical care, including hospitalization and rehabilitation, for persons suffering from injuries is exorbitant and places severe emotional and financial pressures on the victims, their families, the medical realm and society as a whole; now

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Southern Health Association respectively encourages the state and federal governments to make injury prevention a priority by evaluating current injury prevention and control activities; supporting injury prevention legislation; increasing state and federal funding of injury prevention efforts, and promoting surveillance efforts to identify the causes of events leading to injuries.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Affiliate States Governor, the Secretary of the Cabinet of Health Services, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Health and members of the General assembly.

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Date