

RESOLUTION

Subject: Climate Change
Submitted by: Greater Louisville Medical Society
Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, climate change impacts physical, mental and community health; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has described climate change as the greatest threat to global health in the 21st century in a dispatch for immediate action; and

WHEREAS, climate change contributes to heat related illness, respiratory distress and increased exposure to water borne and vector borne illnesses, contributes to stress related disorders and increased social instability; and

WHEREAS, research indicates extreme weather events, storms, flooding, droughts, heat waves are likely to become more frequent and more intense; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Medical Association develop a climate change policy and consider establishing a work group to make recommendations on strategies for educating members and the public on the medical and health care aspects of climate change; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the KMA report on ways members and the organization can contribute to impacting climate change health outcomes.