

## **DISCLAIMER**

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AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES (A-09)

Report of Reference Committee E

Martin G. Guerrero, MD, Chair

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In keeping with Resolution 601 (A-96), the Reference Committee recommends the following consent calendar for acceptance:

### **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

1. Council on Science and Public Health Report 2 – Male Breast Cancer
2. Council on Science and Public Health Report 3 - Disparities in Maternal Mortality
3. Council on Science and Public Health Report 5 - The Use of Hormones for “Anti-aging”: A Review of Efficacy and Safety
4. Resolution 516 - Advocating and Support for Light Pollution Control Efforts and Glare Reduction for Both Public Safety and Energy Savings

- (4) RESOLUTION 516 - ADVOCATING AND SUPPORT FOR LIGHT POLLUTION CONTROL EFFORTS AND GLARE REDUCTION FOR BOTH PUBLIC SAFETY AND ENERGY SAVINGS

RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 516 be adopted.

**HOD ACTION: Resolution 516 adopted.**

Resolution 516 asks our American Medical Association to:

- (1) advocate that all future outdoor lighting be of energy efficient designs to reduce waste of energy and production of greenhouse gasses that result from this wasted energy use;
- (2) support light pollution reduction efforts and glare reduction efforts at both the national and state levels; and
- (3) AMA support efforts to ensure all future streetlights be of a fully shielded design or similar non-glare design to improve the safety of our roadways for all, but especially vision impaired and older drivers.

Your Reference Committee heard unanimous testimony in support of this resolution. Excessive light pollution comprises an inefficient use of energy and is a public health hazard for drivers, as well as an environmental disruption for several species. In addition, it was acknowledged that several states have light pollution measures currently enacted and that national legislation on this issues is pending. Your reference committee recognizes the important environmental and public health implications of this resolution.