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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCACY

RESOLUTION 03-01 **Resolution on Men's Health**

Adopted on February 27, 2003

WHEREAS, male morbidity and mortality from preventable causes is substantial, with significant and alarming disparities among subpopulations of men based on race, ethnicity and socioeconomic status, and

WHEREAS, there are definable behavioral, psychological, developmental, genetic, etc., risk factors for poor health outcomes that are specific to men and subpopulations of men and for which interventions exist, and

WHEREAS, these risk factors are discernable and manifest early in life and result, if left unaddressed, in the current outcomes and disparities characterizing men's health, and

WHEREAS, the health issues affecting men extend well beyond traditional definitions of health to include violence, injury and other risk taking behaviors, and

WHEREAS, much remains to be learned through biological, epidemiologic, social science, ethnographic and other research modalities about the multifactorial etiology and interventions related to men's health outcomes, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) will advocate for government involvement in men's health activities so that existing government health networks can be utilized to increase the health and well being of men and boys; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NACCHO will support and encourage national, state and local efforts to secure access and remove barriers to health care for men and their family members and to seek to fill gaps where resources are lacking; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NACCHO will advocate for more prevention research, especially as it relates to the etiology of men's health issues, and with a particular focus on racial, ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in health outcomes.

*Proposed by Community Health and Prevention Committee
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