



RESOLUTION

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Title: RESOLUTION ON DISASTER EPIDEMIOLOGY AND INJURY MITIGATION

WHEREAS, In recent years there have been several terrorist incidents, natural disasters, and other public health emergencies resulting in mass casualties in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Every state and territory in the United States has communities that are at risk from one or more natural hazards such as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, landslides, drought, ice storms, wildfires, volcanic eruptions, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Published articles in peer reviewed journals have shown that public health agencies can play crucial roles in determining the causes, consequences, and risk factors for different types of injuries resulting from terrorism, disasters, and public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, it also has been shown that public health information can be used to prevent or mitigate injuries in future disaster emergencies.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Safe States Alliance recommends that each state and territory establish and maintain expertise in disaster epidemiology and disaster injury prevention and mitigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Safe States also recommends that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention seek additional funds to help pay for and train staff with disaster epidemiology in each state and territory.

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