

Arizona Public Health Association
Annual Meeting
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Resolution: Supporting Voluntary HIV Testing

- WHEREAS: The counseling and education which accompany HIV testing present a unique opportunity to affect behavior change; and
- WHEREAS: rather than testing there are more appropriate and less costly methods of educating those who are at little or no risk.
- WHEREAS: in the past bills have been introduced in the Arizona Legislature which do not have adequate provisions for counseling and education services; and
- WHEREAS: testing in the absence of counseling and education hold minimal preventive merits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:
The Arizona Public Health Association supports:

1. voluntary HIV testing accompanied by an adequate standard of counseling and education,
2. statutory/regulatory protection of confidentiality,
3. improved access to free, confidential and anonymous testing services in rural areas of the state and under served urban neighborhoods.

Approved by the AZPHA membership at the Fall Meeting, September, 1989.

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Date

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