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Resolution Encouraging Legislature to Fund  
Comprehensive Maternal and Child Health Services

Whereas, the direction of current federal legislation is toward increasing state responsibilities in provision of health care, and

Whereas, the Arizona Legislature has demonstrated its past support of the concept of state concerns taking precedence over federal programs, and

Whereas, there is a need for comprehensive maternal and child health service in every county,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Arizona Public Health Association encourage the Legislature to appropriate funds for comprehensive maternal and child health services, including high risk maternity and infant care, family planning, adolescent pregnancy prevention programs, and crippled and disabled children's services.

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Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution was approved by the membership of the  
Arizona Public Health Association at their Annual  
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Planned Parenthood of Central & Northern Arizona officially endorses the proposed resolution by American Public Health Association on "Male Involvement in Family Planning." and

Recognizing that, "All couples and individuals have the basic right to decide freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children and to have the information, education, and means to do so;" and

Recognizing that men have played an important role in contraception during this century, particularly prior to 1965 before use of the pill became widespread, and that their role continues today with the use of vasectomy, condoms, and withdrawal accounting for nearly 25 per cent of total contraceptive use among currently married contracepting couples; and

Recognizing that few family planning services include men; one per cent of 3.6 million clients of family planning clinics in 1976 were men while there were seven million sexually active teenage men compared to four million teenage women; and

Recognizing that there is an increased interest among selected populations in the use of barrier methods of contraception which require partner cooperation for effective use; and

Recognizing that men's ability to become better informed regarding family planning in order to prepare themselves to engage in informed decision-making, participate in use of a method, or support their partner in the use of a method, is limited by the current structure of services and reimbursement policies; and

Recognizing that men have shown a willingness to expand their parenting role by attendance at birth, engaging in infant and early child care, and responding favorably to pilot family planning and reproductive health care service projects, therefore

1. Seeks support for recognition of men's involvement in achieving fertility control and freely determining the number and spacing of their children by directly requesting the Federal Office of Family Planning to support male family planning services with at least 5 per cent of the federal family planning budget.

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2. Requests that public and private health providers take the initiative to generate interest in making the necessary information, education, and services available to men to enable them to better participate in birth planning through existing services and through support of new approaches;
3. Requests third party reimbursement for male family planning services to providers of family and reproductive health information and services from Titles V, XIX, XX and of major insurance companies;
4. Advocates the removal of sex discrimination from the provision of family planning and reproductive health services as a national health policy for all public family planning programs; and
5. Encourages the provision of male family planning services to adolescent males and the referral of sexually active male teenagers to family planning programs.

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