

1 VERMONT MEDICAL SOCIETY
2 RESOLUTION

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4 **Collaboration with the Vermont Department of Health on H1N1**

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6 *Adopted on October 3, 2009*
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8 WHEREAS, A new virus strain of influenza A (H1N1) was first detected in April 2009;
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10 WHEREAS, The H1N1 virus is a hybrid with genetic elements of swine influenza,
11 avian influenza, and human influenza; and

12 WHEREAS, A public health emergency has been declared in the United States due to
13 the outbreak of H1N1 influenza infections and the US pandemic response plan was
14 activated; and

15 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization has raised the pandemic alert level to
16 Phase 6 in response to the global spread of the H1N1 virus and the significant H1N1
17 influenza activity in the Southern Hemisphere indicates that the virus may become the
18 predominant strain during the U.S. 2009-2010 influenza season; and

19 WHEREAS, This rapidly evolving situation requires health care practitioners to
20 monitor the updated information and recommendations from the CDC, other federal
21 agencies, and the Vermont Department of Health (VDH); and

22 WHEREAS, It is critical to assure that medical offices, and other outpatient facilities
23 that provide routine, episodic, and/or chronic healthcare services can manage an
24 increased demand for services in the midst of an H1N1 outbreak, ensuring a sustainable
25 community healthcare response; therefore be it

26 **RESOLVED, The Vermont Medical Society will collaborate with the Vermont**
27 **Department of Health (VDH) to disseminate information on H1N1, immunization**
28 **efforts, common sense hygiene techniques, physician preparedness and volunteer**
29 **needs to its members through all communication avenues and in turn will report**
30 **back to the department any feedback from physicians; and be it further**

31 **RESOLVED, The Vermont Medical Society will support its members and the**
32 **Vermont Department of Health by encouraging the medical community to**
33 **participate in any VDH volunteer recruitment effort.**