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4 **Maine Medical Association**
5 **Resolution #1 RE: Global Climate Change & Wind Power**
6 **Submitted by the MMA Public Health Committee**

7 **WHEREAS**, Effective action has yet to be taken to substantially reduce our dependence
8 on fossil fuels; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, Political discord and short term economic interests prevent constructive
11 dialogue and action on this important long-term public health issue; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, The Maine Medical Association policy on global climate change that
14 passed in 2009 emphasized the use of evidence based science as the foundation of
15 discussion and debate on all matters regarding this issue; and,

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17 **WHEREAS**, The intent of the Maine Medical Association 2009 Resolution “Wind
18 Energy and Public Health” has been misconstrued as taking sides on the wind power
19 debate; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, The Maine Medical Association 2009 Resolution “Wind Energy and Public
22 Health” called on the organization to 1) bring attention of known medical consequences
23 of wind development, 2) encourage evidence based studies of the health effects of wind
24 turbine generation and public dissemination of the results; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, In the public debate, there is considerable disagreement as to the accuracy
27 and validity of studies of wind turbines as well as highly technical issues that the MMA
28 has neither the resources or the expertise to discern;

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Maine Medical Association**
31 **reaffirm its position on the health threats posed by global climate change and the**
32 **need to develop alternative energy sources as one way of reducing climate change, as**
33 **adopted in its 2009 policy “Global Climate Change” and the enabling 2009**
34 **Resolution #4; and**

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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maine Medical Association rescind its 2009**
37 **policy “Wind Energy and Public Health” and the enabling 2009 Resolution #7.**
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