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AEROSPACE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION - 97 - 1

LASER LIGHTS

WHEREAS: The number of laser light shows in the United States currently exceeds 200; and

WHEREAS: Laser light shows near airports have been responsible for more than 50 laser related encounters by flight crews resulting in temporary visual incapacitation of one or more crew members; and

WHEREAS: Loss of vision by aircrew during landing and takeoff phases creates an unacceptable risk to flight safety; and

WHEREAS: The Federal Aviation Administration is the principal agency responsible for aviation safety in the United States; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Aerospace Medical Association strongly supports a moratorium on outdoor laser light demonstrations and shows near critical flight zones involving landing and departing aircraft until the FAA has established methods to prevent the exposure of aircrew to laser lights capable of causing physiological impairment of aircrews.

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