August 14, 2002

MEMO:

TO: Medical School Deans

SUBJECT: Aerospace Medical Associations Resolution

The Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) at its 73rd Annual Scientific Meeting held in Montreal, May 5 - 9, 2002 approved the following resolution at its Business Meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That in order to graduate physicians who are better prepared to deal with the growth of aerospace activities, the Aerospace Medical Association strongly recommends that medical schools worldwide supplement their existing curricula with familiarization in aerospace medicine as a means of further enhancing the occupational health of those employed in the aerospace industry and the well-being of passengers who travel in these environments.

We believe that practicing physicians will be increasingly called upon to provide medical advice to patients with preexisting disease who are planning to travel by air or in space. It is for this reason that we urge medical schools to provide students with academic sessions given to the issue of health and air/space travel. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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