

**AEROSPACE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
RESOLUTION 02-01**

TRAINING IN HYPOXIA RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE FOR AIRCREW

WHEREAS: Aircraft are available, including unpressurized aircraft and pressurized aircraft with pressurization failure, which allow aircrew to ascend to altitudes where hypoxia is experienced if supplemental oxygen is not used; and,

WHEREAS: Aircrew are suffering injury from accidents occurring from hypoxia; and,

WHEREAS: Aircrew may not be required to receive training or certification in the recognition of hypoxia resulting from exposure to a hypobaric environment; and,

WHEREAS: Methods exist for training in hypoxia awareness, with and without the use of an altitude chamber; and,

WHEREAS: Multiple altitude chamber and aviation physiology training courses are available throughout the United States and much of the world.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that education be provided and regulations be enacted to ensure that aircrew flying at altitudes where supplemental oxygen is required to prevent mishaps due to hypoxia, be trained and/or certified in hypoxia avoidance, recognition, and appropriate response.