

Resolution 14A

Informed Consent

2012 US Health Freedom Congress

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Submitted by the Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance

Whereas every person has a right to their bodily integrity;

Whereas the ability to make informed decisions is a vital part of that right;

Whereas the ability to make informed decisions has several prerequisites, including:

- The availability of information about the substances that are contained in medicines, medical devices and implants, and food;
- The availability of information about alternatives to the proposed treatment or item, whether or not such alternatives are available from the same provider or seller;
- The presentation of such information in a manner that allows for it to be read and understood with sufficient time to consider prior to any decision;
- Freedom from duress or coercion;

Whereas individuals' rights to informed consent have been violated in numerous ways and in numerous contexts, including:

- The use of mercury in dental amalgams;
- The contents and potential side-effects of vaccines, including the use of mercury and other toxic substances;
- The failure to label genetically engineered foods;
- The purposeful conflation of high fructose corn syrup with natural forms of sugar;
- The fluoridation of public water supplies;
- The collection of DNA from infants;

Whereas the government agencies tasked with protecting the public health have failed such duty numerous times, due both to the undue influence of the regulated community and to assumptions that have been proven false;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The implementation of informed consent provisions that meet all of the elements necessary for people to make informed decisions be supported;
2. The role of informed decision-making in all aspects of individuals' health, from food to medicine to health care modalities be supported.

Be it resolved that the 2012 Health Freedom Congress has considered the following resolutions and hereby adopts the health freedom principles embodied in the resolutions and offers the support of the member organizations to the extent determined by each organization's governing principles.*

*This statement was adopted to apply to the set of resolutions that the 2012 Health Freedom Congress passed June 14, 2012.