

INCLUSION OF ANTICONVULSANTS IN AIRLINE MEDICAL KITS

WHEREAS: Epilepsy is a common neurological disorder affecting more than one in 200 persons; and,

WHEREAS: Uninterrupted epileptic seizures can be life-threatening for the affected passenger; and,

WHEREAS: There are hundreds of millions of annual airline passenger enplanements, with a significant likelihood of the need for costly and disruptive aircraft diversions due to in-flight epileptic seizures; and,

WHEREAS: The Aerospace Medical Association has twice recommended inclusion of anticonvulsants in airline medical kits; and,

WHEREAS: Regulatory authorities are developing new requirements for medical kits; and,

WHEREAS: Commercially available anticonvulsants, such as diazepam in various forms, are suitable for use in airline medical kits.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That inclusion of anticonvulsants, such as benzodiazepines, is strongly encouraged as a component of airline medical kits.