

### alPHa Resolution A06-3

**TITLE:** Health-Based Regulation of the Management and Use of Artificial Tanning Equipment

**SPONSOR:** alPHa Board of Directors.

**WHEREAS** The World Health Organization's 2003 report, *Artificial Tanning Sunbeds: Risks and Guidance* concludes that Ultraviolet (UV) light from artificial tanning equipment is a probable human carcinogen linked to eye damage and increased risk of developing melanoma and other skin cancers; and

**WHEREAS** at present, the only regulation of tanning salons in Ontario is through the Federal government's Radiation Emitting Devices Act, which is limited in scope to the manufacturing, importing and sale/resale of artificial tanning equipment; and

**WHEREAS** tanning salon operators are known to make marketing claims that include the suggestion that artificial tanning is a "safe" method by which to tan and meet Vitamin D requirements; and

**WHEREAS** skin cancer is the most common type of cancer of Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** no legislation in Ontario currently exists that regulates the use of such equipment based on known health risks

**THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED THAT** the Government of Ontario pass and promote legislation governing the use of artificial tanning equipment based on the above-named WHO Report's *Recommendations for the Management of Sunbed Operations*, that includes

- regulation of the safety claims permitted by tanning salon owners and operators
- training requirements for operators of artificial tanning equipment
- a ban on the use of artificial tanning for those under 18, subject to the advice of a regulated health professional
- the formulation of enforceable safe operating standards for the tanning industry, including, maximum exposure times and warnings to consumers related to the use of UV-emitting tanning equipment

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*Resolution CARRIED as amended.*