

**RESOLUTION TO REPLACE LIVE ANIMALS WITH SIMULATORS IN  
UMHS SURVIVAL FLIGHT COURSE**

- 2 **WHEREAS,** The University of Michigan Health System teaches flight nurses in its  
Survival Flight course invasive emergency medical procedures using  
4 dozens of cats and pigs who are euthanized afterwards<sup>1</sup>; AND
- 6 **WHEREAS,** More humane and economical simulation-based training methods that  
better prepare<sup>2</sup> nurses to treat human patients are available<sup>3</sup>; AND
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Other advanced training courses at the University already use human  
patient simulators to teach nurses, physicians and allied health  
professionals the same skills covered in Survival Flight<sup>4</sup>; AND
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The University of Michigan Health System Graduate Medical Education  
Committee determined in 2009 that simulators could be used to teach  
12 the skills for which pigs are still being used in Survival Flight<sup>5</sup>; AND
- 14 **WHEREAS,** Medical professional organizations such as the Air & Surface Transport  
Nurses Association, American Heart Association and American College  
16 of Surgeons endorse the use of simulators to teach the skills covered in  
Survival Flight; AND
- 18 **WHEREAS,** The Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association—the professional  
organization that represents flight nurses—stated in September 2010  
20 that 29 out of 30 of its Transport Nurse Advanced Trauma Course  
sessions offered across the country this year (which covers the same  
skills as Survival Flight) have used simulators instead of animals;<sup>6</sup> AND

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<sup>1</sup> <http://detnews.com/article/20100908/SCHOOLS/9080359/PETA-urges-probe-in-use-of-animals-in-University-of-Michigan-nurse-training>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.michigandaily.com/content/daily-peta-lawsuit>

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www2.med.umich.edu/prmc/media/newsroom/details.cfm?ID=1057>

<sup>6</sup> <http://pcrm.org/resch/atls/documents/LetterfromKyleMadigan92210.pdf>

22 **WHEREAS,** The student-led Michigan Animal Rights Society has urged University of  
Michigan officials to end the practice on ethical and scientific grounds<sup>7</sup>;  
24 **AND**

26 **WHEREAS,** The University of Michigan's student newspaper *The Michigan Daily* has  
editorialized in support of the replacement of live animals in Survival  
Flight;<sup>8</sup> **THEREFORE BE IT**

28 **RESOLVED,** That the Michigan Student Assembly requests replacing the use of live  
animals in Survival Flight with human patient simulators and other non-  
30 **animal methods; AND BE IT FURTHER**

32 **RESOLVED,** That copies of this resolution be sent to the Michigan Daily,  
AnnArbor.com, the University of Michigan Health System, and the  
regents of the University of Michigan.

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Presented to the Assembly for *First Reads* on \_\_\_\_\_

Presented to the Assembly for *Second Reads* on \_\_\_\_\_

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abs: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.annarbor.com/news/peta-calls-for-investigation-into-animal-use-in-university-of-michigan-survival-flight-training/>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.michigandaily.com/content/daily-peta-lawsuit>