Resolution on Not Serving Red Meat at Institutionally-Sponsored Functions

Whereas:

- Global climate change is an enormous health threat, both in the United States and worldwide. 1,2
- Observational epidemiologic studies have found that greater red meat consumption is associated with increases in cardiovascular, cancer, and all-cause mortality. 3-6
- The vast majority of meat production (particularly that from ruminant animals) is a major contributor to climate change due to land use changes and the production of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases - most notably methane and nitrous oxide. 7-9
- Meat production is associated with a variety of other negative environmental consequences including excessive water use, land and water pollution from manure runoff, and excessive antibiotic use. 7,9,10
- Consequences of global climate change fall disproportionately on poor people and poor countries, those least responsible for the excess greenhouse gases causing it. 11
- As the impact of red meat consumption on health and the environment has become clear, serving red meat at organization-sponsored functions makes a statement that is inconsistent with our mission and values.

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that:

- We commit to not serving red meat at organization-sponsored functions such as conferences, seminars, receptions and dinners.

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