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Whereas, The American Medical Association in 1966 recognized that alcoholism is a disease that merits the serious concern of all members of the health professions; and

Whereas, alcoholism is recognized as a major health problem throughout the land; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association identifies alcoholism as a complex disease and as such recognizes that the medical components are medicine's responsibility. Such recognition is not intended to relieve the alcoholic of moral responsibility, as provided by law, for any acts committed when inebriated; nor does this recognition preclude civil arrest and imprisonment, as provided by law, for antisocial acts committed when inebriated.

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