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Statement by Former US Surgeons General

We agree with the proposed American Medical Association resolution that there is no medically valid reason to exclude transgender individuals from military service. Transgender service members should, as is the case with all personnel, receive the medical care that they need.

Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders, US Surgeon General, 1993-1994

Dr. David Satcher, US Surgeon General, 1998-2002

Dr. Regina M. Benjamin, US Surgeon General, 2009-2013

Dr. Kenneth P. Moritsugu, US Surgeon General (acting), 2002; 2006-7

AMA Resolution (to be considered at AMA national convention June 7, 2015):

RESOLVED, that our AMA affirm that there is no medically valid reason to exclude transgender individuals from service in the US military. RESOLVED, that our AMA affirm transgender service members be provided care as determined by patient and physician according to the same medical standards that apply to non-transgender personnel.