

# Bylaws of the Zika Coalition

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### **Purposes:**

The Zika Coalition promotes policies at the national level to prevent, mitigate, and address the spread of Zika virus and its health consequences, with a particular focus on preventing microcephaly and other birth defects.

### **Activities:**

The Zika Coalition will:

- Examine and assess the adequacy of existing and proposed federal government efforts to prevent the spread of the Zika virus and/or to mitigate or treat its effects.
- Establish priorities for funding of such initiatives.
- Communicate the need for such programs to the legislative and executive branches of the federal government, and the media.
- Seek Congressional support for the Zika-related programs of interest to the Coalition, as determined by the Coalition.
- Engage in such other related activities as may be desirable or required to fulfill the purposes and objectives of the Coalition.

### **Leadership**

The March of Dimes will lead the Zika Coalition. New leadership may be selected by a simple majority vote of the Coalition Steering Committee.

### **Membership:**

Membership in the Zika Coalition is open to any organization, group or company with an interest in preventing the spread of the Zika virus, treating or mitigating its impacts, or supporting biological or epidemiological research on either the virus or its effects. All new Coalition members must be reviewed and approved by the Steering Committee by a simple majority vote, which will have sole discretion over membership. The Steering Committee has the power to remove a member of the Coalition by a simple majority vote, if they believe circumstances warrant this step.

## **Responsibilities of Coalition Members:**

Coalition members are expected to:

- Express a commitment to the goal of promoting federal policies to fight Zika virus and its impacts;
- Share information with the Coalition about emerging issues and trends in their respective fields;
- Participate in publicity/media/advocacy events as they see fit;
- Coordinate messages and initiatives around federal policies on Zika, to the extent possible; and
- Maintain the confidentiality of any non-public information shared among coalition groups.

At no time does membership in the Coalition obligate any member to participate in any specific effort or activity.

## **Steering Committee:**

The Zika Coalition will be led by a Steering Committee composed of, but not limited to, representatives from the following organizations. Each organization has one vote.

- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American Public Health Association
- Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs
- Association of Public Health Laboratories
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- Easterseals
- Infectious Diseases Society of America
- March of Dimes
- National Association of County and City Health Officials
- National Environmental Health Association
- National Organization for Rare Disorders
- The Arc
- Trust for America's Health