Resolution to Host Healthy Meetings, Conferences, and Events

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Whereas the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2015 state that Americans consume too much sodium, added sugars, refined grains, and solid fats and not enough fruits, vegetables, and whole grains; and

Whereas the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, 2008 state that Americans should get 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each week, yet many do not; and

Whereas studies show a strong relationship between the physical and social environments of the workplace and the health behaviors of employees; and

Whereas nearly half of many people's waking hours are spent at work, and many of those hours are spent in meetings and conferences; and

Whereas the foods and beverages available at meetings and conferences are often high in fat, added sugars, and sodium, and contain few fruits, vegetables, and whole grains; and

Whereas meetings and conferences generally involve a lot of time sitting and provide little opportunity for physical activity; and

Whereas the (Insert Organization Name) has the ability to model healthy eating and help to change social norms around meeting practices; and

Whereas it is consistent with the goals of (Insert Organization Name) to support people's ability to eat well while at work events; and

Whereas the (Insert Organization Name) should expend its financial resources on healthier food and beverage offerings; therefore be it

Resolved that (<u>Insert Organization Name</u>) meetings, conferences, and events will adhere to healthy meeting guidelines; and

Be it further resolved (Insert Organization Name) will take the National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity Healthy Meeting Pledge;

And be it further resolved that (<u>Insert Organization Name</u>) strongly encourages other organizations to adopt healthy meeting guidelines.

If you are interested in taking the pledge or for more information, email us at nutritionpolicy@cspinet.org or call 202-777-8352.