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National Day of Recognition for Long Term Care Physicians – March 20

Columbia, MD – March 20th is the National Day of Recognition for Long Term Care Physicians, as formally designated by Congress last year. This initiative started with an AMDA – Dedicated to Long Term Care Medicine House of Delegates resolution from the Georgia Medical Directors Association honoring the memory and work of AMDA founder William Dodd, MD, CMD. Dr. Dodd was a community physician who recognized that residents of nursing homes were patients with complex medical problems and that physicians needed to be involved in establishing the standards of management and clinical care for the frail elderly and other residents in long term care facilities.

“Having a day to recognize long term care physicians is a wonderful recognition of what we do,” noted 2010-2011 AMDA President Paul Katz, MD, CMD. He added, “There are so many talented, committed, and passionate physicians in this field, and it is only appropriate to honor these practitioners for their work in long term care.”

AMDA Executive Director Lorraine Tarnove noted, “It’s a milestone to have this national recognition for long term care physicians. The contributions of AMDA’s physician members have often been overlooked. Now we have a national platform to let everyone know of their contributions and dedication to this care setting.”

In honor of this day of recognition, AMDA will provide special recognition via its Web site and its annual meeting, Long Term Care Medicine – 2011 in Tampa, Florida, March 24-27, 2011. Visit www.amda.com for more information.

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AMDA – Dedicated to Long Term Care (formerly the American Medical Directors Association) is the national professional association of medical directors, attending physicians, and other professionals practicing long term care medicine committed to the continuous improvement of patient care. AMDA provides education, advocacy, information, and professional development enable its members to deliver quality long term care.