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**Impacts of Media on Youth and Family**

The First National Health Assembly

Having considered the report on Impacts of Media on Youth and Family,

Aware of media influences on the learning of persons in Thai society and the influence of information communication technology on children and youth,

Informed that there are few safe and creative media for children and youth while harmful media is increasing in number and severity,

Aware of issues relating to safe and creative media, where children and youth lack opportunity to express their views to the media and the opportunity to participate in the production of media for children like themselves. There is also issues relating to producers lacking motivation to create inventive media, the lack of good ethics in the employment of information communication technology for children and the lack of legal and policy mechanisms which are conducive to the development of media for children,

The National Health Assembly hereby issues the following resolutions:

1. All the State agencies, academia, professional associations, private sector, and civil societies at every level are urged to consider the following:
  - 1.1 Setting up a Creative Media Fund for children, youth and their families using the money from the existing funds or using policy measures to mobilize the necessary capital,
  - 1.2 Working together to produce creative media for young children, youth and their families, such as creative computer gaming programs, and supporting creative public media participatory programmes for children and youth; urging radio and television media to allow opportunities for children, youth and their families to participate in voicing their opinions and needs and in co-producing the programmes, or to organize training for children and youth on professional media production on a regular and continual basis.

- 1.3 Promoting and supporting the creation of media mechanisms for children, youth and their families at the national, provincial and community levels, engaging the participation of the State agencies/local government organizations, academia, people sector, and networks of children, youth and families. The aims are to promote, support and develop learning and awareness about the media as well as media monitoring and production. Media people must be made better aware of their roles in the production of quality radio and television programmes or other printing materials that contribute to the moral and spiritual growth of Thai children and youth. They must also be held responsible for the adverse effects on children and youth of radio and television programmes and other printing materials, especially those that are violent or provocative in nature.
  - 1.4 Setting up committees whose members are drawn from all sectors, including education, information technology, culture, youth and families. These committees are to control and supervise the Internet media and computer gaming in particular.
  - 1.5 Advocating passage of up-to-date laws on the control of electronic media or on the control of violent and provocative games, including issuing ministerial rules and regulations to control computer gaming shops to protect children, youth and society.
  - 1.6 Setting curriculums and forums designed for children, youth and families to learn about media, media choices and media awareness.
2. Local government organizations are urged to make budgetary contributions to the creation of centres designed to promote children and youth in creative media production in the locality or community.
  3. The National Health Commission is urged to monitor the implementation of the recommendations and report to the Second Health Assembly.