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ADA to Address Recommendations Provided in KPMG Report

CHICAGO (June 11, 2010) – The American Dental Association (ADA) welcomes the recommendations provided in the KPMG Financial and Tax Review of the American Dental Association Foundation (ADAF).

The review identifies opportunities for financial and operational improvements as well as the organization of the Foundation. Specific recommendations include clarification of the relationship between the two organizations in order for the ADAF to be in full compliance with its charitable status.

The ADA and the ADAF will each develop unique corrective action plans by July 2010 that addresses every issue raised in the review. A number of the items in the report are already in the process of being addressed.

The ADA and the ADAF are committed to taking all the necessary steps to ensure the confidence of donors, the dental profession, the dental industry and the members of the ADA in the ADAF as dentistry's premier charitable and philanthropic organization.

The worthy, charitable work of the Foundation continues including securing contributions and providing grants for sustainable programs in dental research, education, access to care and assistance for dentists and their families in need.

The ADA remains proud of the many accomplishments of the ADAF, and believes the corrective actions implemented as a result of the KPMG report will strengthen both the Foundation and the ADA in terms of best financial, operational and organizational practices.

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About the American Dental Association

The not-for-profit ADA is the nation's largest dental association, representing more than 157,000 dentist members. The premier source of oral health information, the ADA has advocated for the public's health and promoted the art and science of dentistry since 1859. The ADA's state-of-the-art research facilities develop and test dental products and materials that have advanced the practice of dentistry and made the patient experience more positive. The ADA Seal of Acceptance long has been a valuable and respected guide to consumer dental care products. The monthly *Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA)* is the ADA's flagship publication and the best-read scientific journal in dentistry. For more information about the ADA, visit the Association's Web site at www.ada.org