

## **Resolution for the FamMedPAC to Support Pro-Choice**

WHEREAS “FamMedPAC is the American Academy of Family Physicians’ federal political action committee. Its purpose is to help elect candidates to the U.S. Congress who support AAFP’s legislative goals and objectives,”<sup>1</sup> and

WHEREAS “the AAFP opposes all discrimination in any form, including but not limited to, that on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnic affiliation, health, age, disability, economic status, body habitus or national origin,”<sup>2</sup> and

WHEREAS abortion is a legal medical procedure, frequently provided by family physicians, sought by approximately 35% of all U.S. women by age 45,<sup>3</sup> and

WHEREAS, the AAFP has affirmed that “should a woman become pregnant, it is her legal right to make reproductive decisions,”<sup>4</sup> and

WHEREAS over one-third of political candidates who have received financial FamMedPAC support during the 2009-10 election cycle consistently voted against abortion rights,<sup>5,6</sup> and

WHEREAS anti-abortion politicians devise and support policies that discriminate against women seeking to end a pregnancy, including proposed amendments to health care reform that would exclude coverage of abortion from national insurance plans intended to address gaps in health care, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the NYSAFP will ask FamMedPac to support only those political candidates who share the AAFP’s commitment to preventing discrimination in health care and ensuring that it remains women’s legal right to make reproductive decisions, including abortion, and further be it

RESOLVED that the NYSAFP instruct its delegates to the AAFP to introduce this resolution at the AAFP Congress in Denver, CO in 2010.

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<sup>1</sup> 2008 Election Cycle FamMedPAC Contribution Criteria

[http://www.aafp.org/online/etc/medialib/aafp\\_org/documents/policy/pac/criteria2.Par.0001.File.mem.tmp/08criteria.pdf](http://www.aafp.org/online/etc/medialib/aafp_org/documents/policy/pac/criteria2.Par.0001.File.mem.tmp/08criteria.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> AAFP Policy on Patient Discrimination

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/policies/d/discrimination.html>

<sup>3</sup> Guttmacher Institute. An overview of abortion in the United States

<http://www.guttmacher.org/media/presskits/2005/06/28/abortionoverview.html>

<sup>4</sup> AAFP Policy on Reproductive Decisions

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/policies/r/reproductdecisions.html>

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<sup>5</sup> 2009 - 2010 Election Cycle FamMedPAC Contributions

[http://www.aafp.org/online/etc/medialib/aafp\\_org/documents/policy/pac/09-10campaigncontributions.Par.0001.File.mem.tmp/09-10Contributions-List.pdf](http://www.aafp.org/online/etc/medialib/aafp_org/documents/policy/pac/09-10campaigncontributions.Par.0001.File.mem.tmp/09-10Contributions-List.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> NARAL Pro-Choice America Congressional Record on Choice <http://www.prochoiceamerica.org/choice-action-center/us-gov/congressional-record-on-choice/>