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1 Maternal Mortality in the United States

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9 WHEREAS, The United States has the highest maternal mortality rate of any industrialized nation
10 with approximately 26.4 deaths per 100,000 live births, and

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12 WHEREAS, the maternal mortality rate has increased by nearly 60% between 1990 and 2015, and

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14 WHEREAS, maternal mortality occurs significantly more frequently among black women, low-
15 income women, and women in rural areas, and

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17 WHEREAS, black mothers die at three to four times the rate of white mothers, regardless of
18 socioeconomic status and this disparity continues to widen, and

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20 WHEREAS, racism, including discrimination by healthcare providers, contribute to poor maternal
21 health outcomes, and

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23 WHEREAS, evidence-based interventions for decreasing perinatal morbidity and mortality exist but
24 are not widely implemented, now, therefore, be it

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26 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate to the Accreditation
27 Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to increase training in prepregnancy care,
28 interpregnancy care, and complications of maternity care that have been shown to contribute to
29 maternal mortality, and, be it further

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31 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate to relevant stakeholders
32 for evidence-based measures shown to decrease maternal mortality and morbidity, such as access
33 to contraception, access to doulas and labor support, health insurance coverage for all pregnant
34 and postpartum women, and programs to address social determinants of health, and, be it further

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36 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) develop a curriculum in
37 implicit bias and reproductive justice principles for presentation at state and national AAFP
38 Continuing Medical Education Programs to combat discrimination and bias, and, be it further

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40 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support and advocate for
41 legislative initiatives to fund research to further understand and address both the high rate and
42 disparities of maternal mortality in the United States.