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Maternal Mortality in the United States

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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