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**Resolution to Increase Percentage of Women’s Reproductive Health Topics at AAFP FMX and at the National Conference for Residents and Students**

Introduced by: [Name(s) and State Chapter]

WHEREAS, the AAFP affirms it is essential that family physicians be well trained to provide “comprehensive, continuing care of women throughout their lifecycle;”1 and

WHEREAS, the AAFP “supports a woman’s access to reproductive health services and opposes non-evidence based restrictions on medical and the provision of such services;”2 and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain qualification and a broad scope of practice, family physicians must continue learning throughout their careers so they might provide patients with up-to-date and evidence-based care throughout their lifecycle; and

WHEREAS, for the 2018 Family Medicine Experience FMX, the Curriculum Advisory Panel (CAP) has weighted women’s reproductive health topics at four percent; and

WHEREAS, 51 percent of physician visits are to primary care providers and 19.5 percent (the highest proportion) are with family medicine physicians3; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 17.9 percent of outpatient visits are by women of reproductive age, with preconception or contraceptive counseling integral aspects of these visits4; and

WHEREAS, in order to recruit new members, the AAFP wants to appeal to family residents, 54 percent of whom are female5 and tend to see majority female patients; and

WHEREAS, funding for Planned Parenthood and Title X clinics is at risk, shifting care to Federally Qualified Health Clinics, which tend to be family physician-led, requiring a well-prepared work-force to meet the increased demand of reproductive health needs of patients6; and

WHEREAS, while the AAFP does offer a women’s health and maternity care conference containing a few reproductive health care updates, it is a burden for members to attend two separate conferences rather than one full spectrum CME activity; and

WHEREAS, at the 2017 FMX there were seven presentations dedicated to women’s reproductive health, but 26 slots dedicated to practice management and 11 dedicated to neurology7; and

WHEREAS, family medicine residents and students have requested more reproductive health care and women’s health care at their national conference, passing resolutions and filling out conference evaluations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the [Your State Academy] will advocate through the American Academy of Family Physicians to the Family Medicine Experience (FMX) Curriculum Advisory Panel (CAP) to increase the weight of women’s reproductive health topics at future FMX events and remove the four percent cap; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the [Your State Academy] via its delegation will submit a resolution to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) calling on the AAFP to increase the representation of women’s reproductive health topics among future AAFP CME events.

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