**Resolution to Ensure Contraception Coverage as Part of Minimum Benefits Package**

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

WHEREAS, Ensuring access to affordable or no-cost family planning services is a cost-effective public health strategy to address the economic and public health impact of unintended pregnancy, and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of one Medicaid-covered birth in the U.S. was $12,613 in 2008, compared to $257 for the per-client annual cost for contraceptive care, and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the total public expenditure on unintended pregnancies nationally was an estimated $21 billion, and

WHEREAS, long-acting reversible contraception has been shown to reduce unintended and teen pregnancy rates, and

WHEREAS, the negative consequences of unintended pregnancy include delays in initiating prenatal care, increased risk of maternal depression, increased risk of physical violence during pregnancy, low birth weight infants, and infant mortality, and

WHEREAS, access to affordable family planning services contributes to improved health outcomes for infants, children, women, and families and allows people to achieve desired birth spacing and family size, and

WHEREAS, Healthy People 2020 aims to “improve pregnancy planning and spacing and prevent unintended pregnancy” and states that “family planning is one of the ten great public health achievements of the 20th century, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the [xx State Academy] support ensuring coverage of all Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and products as well as voluntary sterilization procedures by private and public entities as part of a minimum benefits plan.