**Promoting Access to Abortion Care by Supporting Skilled Providers**

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

WHEREAS, The number of abortion care providers has declined 37% since 1982, and WHEREAS, in the United States 87% of counties have no abortion providers, and

WHEREAS, other states such as California, Oregon, Vermont, New Hampshire and Montana have increased access to abortion care by permitting advanced practice clinicians (APCs), such as physician assistants (PA), nurse practitioners (NP) and certified nurse midwives (CNM) to perform first trimester aspiration abortions, and

WHEREAS, North American and international studies have demonstrated APCs can safely and efficiently provide medication abortions and first trimester aspiration abortions, and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, in 2012, recommended training PAs, NPs, and CNMs and other non- physician providers in abortion care in places where it is legal, and

WHEREAS, the average distance a patient travels to receive an abortion in the United States is 30 miles with females assigned at birth living in rural areas traveling significantly longer distances with 31% traveling over 100 miles to access care, and

WHEREAS, 99% of clinics performing a high volume of abortion procedures are located in urban areas, and

WHEREAS, increasing the number of providers with appropriate training and education to provide abortion care, especially in a primary care setting, could reduce the distance patients travel and improve access to abortion services across the United States, now, therefore, be it

**Substitute:**RESOLVED, That the [xx State Academy] support family physicians who have the training, experience, and demonstrated competence in providing medication and first trimester aspiration terminations.

**Original resolved clause submitted to the Congress of Delegates deleted (please see substitute adopted above):**

RESOLVED, That the [xx State Academy] support all clinicians who are trained in providing medication and first trimester aspiration abortions.