**Oppose Criminalization of Physicians Providing Abortion Care**

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

WHEREAS**,** The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) has resolved that it supports a woman’s access to reproductive health services and opposes non-evidence based restrictions on medical care and the provision of such services, and

WHEREAS, the AAFP has historically supported the rights of family physicians to determine their own scope of practice and that a broad scope of practice is associated with lower physician burnout, and

WHEREAS, one in four women in the United States will have an abortion by the age of 45, and

WHEREAS, abortions have a very low rate of complications requiring hospitalization approximately 0.5% or less, making them one of the safest office procedures physicians perform, and

WHEREAS, studies done in Texas during the period when the majority of their abortion clinics were closed found an increased rate of maternal mortality, and

WHEREAS, many states are enacting laws that would make abortion illegal should Roe vs. Wade fall, while others are passing laws to prohibit abortion under most circumstances (like Indiana’s fetal heartbeat bill) in the hopes that the legal challenges will reach a friendly Supreme Court, and

WHEREAS, some of the state laws being proposed will criminalize physicians for performing abortions, and

WHEREAS, physicians should act in the best interest of the patient using evidence-based practices, and this ethical practice should not be criminalized, and

WHEREAS, physicians providing abortion care are doing so at the request of their patients who are in need of these services, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That [xx State Academy] publicly oppose any law which would criminalize physicians for providing abortion care.