Whereas, Education for trainees about opioids varies significantly between residencies and specialties; and

Whereas, Nearly half of all opioid-related deaths involve prescription opioids¹; and

Whereas, 64,000 people died from overdoses² in 2016, costing over $500 billion,³ and the United States Government officially declared the opioid crisis a public health emergency in 2017; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association work in conjunction with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education to establish opioid education guidelines for physicians in training. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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Footnotes:
¹ Data Overview. Drug Overdose. CDC Injury Center, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2016.
² Provisional counts of overdose deaths for the USA. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
³ The council of economic advisors. The underestimated cost of the opioid crisis. 2017