Whereas, The ongoing opioid crisis persists with statistics showing that overdose deaths remain prevalent despite quantity limits, prescription monitoring programs, and mandatory physician education; and

Whereas, The expense of this problem is growing with its devastating toll on those with substance use disorders and their families; and

Whereas, Medication assisted treatment programs have become perceived as the most successful intervention; and

Whereas, Most medical students we encounter state that they have very little exposure to the current protocols and management and admit that this is inadequately covered in current medical education; and

Whereas, Recently the American Board of Preventive Medicine under the American Board of Medical Specialties has taken over the credentialing and administering the path to board certification, in essence, legitimizing it as a recognized medical subspecialty; and

Whereas, Addiction medicine science includes, but is not limited to: history of drug abuse, genetics pharmacology, epidemiology, medical evaluation and management, treatment settings, behavioral health methodologies, toxicology, covering all substances, e.g. opiates, alcohol, nicotine, stimulants, hallucinogens; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association endorse and support the incorporation of addiction medicine science into medical student education and residency training (New HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA transmit this resolution to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation, the American Osteopathic Association and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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