Whereas, In 2014, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced a New York State (NYS) initiative to End the HIV Epidemic by 2020 (EtE 2020) with the goal of fewer than 750 new HIV infections statewide by 2020; and

Whereas, EtE 2020 is built on New York State’s public health leadership since the emergence of AIDS in 1988; and

Whereas, EtE 2020 has a 3-point plan that:
1) Identifies persons with HIV who remain undiagnosed and link them to health care;
2) Links and retains persons diagnosed with HIV in health care to maximize virus suppression so they remain healthy and prevent further transmission; and
3) facilitates access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for high-risk persons to keep them HIV negative; and

Whereas, The NYS initiative is at the forefront of similar efforts nationwide and globally as evidenced by a detailed 2015 Blueprint to End the AIDS Epidemic (health.ny.gov/ete) that includes recommendations that address health care and the social determinants of health; and

Whereas, NYS 2017 surveillance data shows a decrease in incidence of new HIV infections statewide; and

Whereas, New York’s End the Epidemic is an example of state’s efforts that can be replicated on the national level; and

Whereas, The are similar state efforts underway to curtail the epidemic; and

Whereas, Federal funds are critical to this effort; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association advocate that the federal budget include provisions to End the HIV epidemic and that such a plan be structured after New York State’s EtE 2020 or other similar state programs. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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