WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death for men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Acute coronary syndromes (ACS) of ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), Non ST-elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI) and unstable angina pectoris (USAP) are major causes of death and disability; and

WHEREAS, Survival for uncomplicated STEMI patients has dramatically improved over the last 6 decades with the implementation of systems of care, survival for STEMI with cardiogenic shock (CS) is unacceptably high approaching 40% except in specialized STEMI/Shock Centers where extraordinary care teams are available; and

WHEREAS, Out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) is the fifth most common cause of death in the United States, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, influenza, pneumonia, HIV, firearms and house fires combined; and

WHEREAS, Specialized systems of care for OHCA, STEMI and STEMI with CS have shown markedly improved survival for these catastrophic illnesses; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association encourage individual states to standardized specialized care for STEMI, OHCA and Cardiogenic Shock to centers of excellence and, where feasible, ensure immediate transportation to an Emergency Cardiac Care Center of Excellence. (Directive to Take Action)

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