Whereas, The number of Americans ages 65 and older is projected to more than double from 46 million today to over 98 million by 2060; and

Whereas, The rate of dementia and failure to thrive at the end of life for older Americans is increasing because of these demographic shifts; and

Whereas, The ability to predict the end of life is an art as opposed to a science; and

Whereas, These patients will need hospice care; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association request that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services allow automatic reinstatement for hospice if a patient survives for more than 6 months with a non-cancer diagnosis and that prognosis remains terminal. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Modest - between $1,000 - $5,000