

Spring 2012 Student Osteopathic Medical Association House of Delegates Resolutions

Constitutional Amendment S-2012-1

Subject: CHAPTER PETITIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL SOMA CHAPTERS

- 1 **WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 1** of the **SOMA Constitution and Bylaws** reads:
2 **Section 1. Chapter Petition.** Any group of five or more students at an AOA-accredited
3 Osteopathic medical school may petition for a chapter within the Association. The
4 petitioners shall sign the petition, date their signature and supply any information
5 requested by the Board of Trustees as to its qualifications for membership. And,
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7 **WHEREAS,** this language should more explicitly state the possibility that the Board of
8 Trustees may feel further information is needed from petitioners to start a chapter. And,
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10 **WHEREAS,** we would like to clarify the requirements for petitioners requesting to
11 establish a Student Osteopathic Medical Association chapter, therefore be it
12
13 **RESOLVED** that **Article IV, Section 1** of the **Constitution and Bylaws** be amended
14 as follows (language change denoted by brackets):
15 **Section 1. Chapter Petition.** Any group of five or more students at an AOA-accredited
16 Osteopathic medical school may petition for a chapter within the Association. The
17 petitioners shall sign the petition, date their signature and supply any and all [additional]
18 information [or documentation] requested by the Board of Trustees as to its qualifications
19 for membership. And be it further
20
21 **RESOLVED** that the **SOMA Process** be appropriately edited to reflect this change.
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Action Taken:

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Effective Time Period: Ongoing

References:

The Student Osteopathic Medical Association's Constitution; Article IV, Section 1.

Constitutional Amendment S-2012-2

Subject: SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATIONS ACCEPTED AT SOMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

1 **WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 1 B** of the SOMA **Constitution and Bylaws** reads:
2 **Section 1. Chapter Representation. B) Identification of Delegates and Alternates.**
3 Persons shall be identified with name tags indicating their "Delegate" or "Alternate"
4 status. Before any business is undertaken by the House of Delegates, each Delegate and
5 Alternate shall be identified and verified by the Speaker of the House of Delegates (or
6 his/her designate), using at least one appropriate form of identification. An Alternate can
7 replace a voting Delegate provided they have been identified by the Speaker of the House
8 of Delegates.

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10 **WHEREAS**, this language should more explicitly state the possibility that the
11 Delegate/Alternate may misplace their SOMA issued identification tag. And,

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13 **WHEREAS**, we would like to clarify the acceptable forms of identification for use in
14 this instance at the Student Osteopathic Medical Association House of Delegates,
15 therefore be it

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17 **RESOLVED** that **Article IX, Section 1 B** of the **Constitution and Bylaws** be amended
18 as follows (language change denoted by brackets):

19 **Section 1. Chapter Representation. B) Identification of Delegates and Alternates.**

20 Persons shall be identified with name tags indicating their "Delegate" or "Alternate"
21 status. Before any business is undertaken by the House of Delegates, each Delegate and
22 Alternate shall be identified and verified by the Speaker of the House of Delegates (or
23 his/her designate), using at least one appropriate form of identification[, be it
24 SOMA-issued convention identification tag, school identification with picture, or
25 federal or state-issued photo identification]. An Alternate can replace a voting Delegate
26 provided they have been identified by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. And be it
27 further,

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29 **RESOLVED** that the **SOMA Process** be appropriately edited to reflect this change.

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References:

The Student Osteopathic Medical Association's Constitution; Article IX, Section 1 B.

Constitutional Amendment S-2012-3

Subject: CONSTITUTIONAL MENTION OF SOMA PUBLICATION & PARTICIPATION IN “THE DO” MAGAZINE

1 **WHEREAS**, the current SOMA Constitution states that “The Association’s official
2 publication shall be the Spotlight on SOMA article in The D.O. magazine on a monthly
3 basis”; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, The DO is no longer an in-print magazine but now an online journal (found
6 at <http://www.do-online.org/TheDO/>); and

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8 **WHEREAS**, no “Spotlight on SOMA” section exists within The DO online journal; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, The DO is an independent publication of the AOA with no obligation to 12
11 the SOMA Constitution; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, SOMA maintains a pleasant working relationship with the staff of TheDO;
14 and

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16 **WHEREAS**, many SOMA members already do publish periodically within The DO’s
17 “OMS Spotlight” section; therefore, be it

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19 **RESOLVED**, that the Student Osteopathic Medical Association officially strikes the 21
20 current Article III, Section 1 [current language: **Official Publication**, The Association’s
21 official publication shall be the Spotlight on SOMA article in The D.O. magazine on a
22 monthly basis.]; and

23
24 **RESOLVED**, that the Student Osteopathic Medical Association officially amends
25 Article III, Section 1 to read, “**Publications.** Association members, in conjunction with
26 SOMA’s PR Director, are encouraged to submit articles regarding osteopathic student-
27 central current events to The DO online journal for consideration and possible publication
28 in the ‘OMS Spotlight’ section.” The Student Osteopathic Medical Association will foster
29 positive public relations by encouraging all of its members to work in tandem with
30 SOMA’s PR Director for the purpose of increasing the visibility of SOMA in the
31 osteopathic world through various publications, events, and other public forums.”

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Effective Time Period: Ongoing

Constitutional Amendment S-2012-4

Subject: SOMA NEWSLETTER

1 **WHEREAS**, the current SOMA Constitution states that “That National SOMA Officers
2 shall make available on its website a newsletter to all constituent chapters and national
3 officers.” And

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5 **WHEREAS**, the SOMA newsletter has continued to be an underutilized resource by and
6 for the organization; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the SOMA newsletter now exists mainly to fulfill marketing obligations
9 with membership benefits corporations; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the time and resources of SOMA’s PR Director could be better utilized
12 though a new and different way to disseminate important information to national and
13 regional SOMA chapters and other osteopathic organizations; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, with new SOMA PR Directors appointed each year, all of whom may have
16 different and valuable ideas for the dissemination of SOMA information and should have
17 the liberty to pursue those ideas for the good of the organization; therefore, be it

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19 **RESOLVED**, that the Student Osteopathic Medical Association officially strike the body
20 of text under the current Article III, Section 2 [current language: **Newsletter**. That
21 National SOMA Officers shall make available on its website a newsletter to all
22 constituent chapters and national officers.]; and

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24 **RESOLVED**, that the Student Osteopathic Medical Association officially amends the
25 current Article III, Section 2 to read “**Dissemination of Media**. The SOMA PR Director
26 shall be responsible for disseminating important and interesting information between and
27 among the SOMA Board of Trustees, National Board, and all national chapters, on a
28 timescale to be determined at the beginning of the term by that PR Director and agreed to
29 by the SOMA Board of Trustees. The PR Director is encouraged to work with the SOMA
30 Webmaster throughout the year to achieve this directive.” and

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32 **RESOLVED**, that the Student Osteopathic Medical Association and the SOMA
33 Membership Benefits Director notify, to the best of the organization’s ability, all
34 sponsors and parties potentially affected by the cessation of newsletter publication; and,

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36 **RESOLVED**, that SOMA will fulfill contractual agreements with said parties to the best
37 of the organization’s ability, prior to and, if necessary, after the cessation of newsletter
38 publication.

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Effective Time Period: Ongoing

Constitutional Amendment S-2012-5

Subject: DISCRIMINATION BASED ON AGE

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Article VI of the Constitution of the Student Osteopathic Medical
2 Association does not include protection from age discrimination; and
3
4 **WHEREAS**, Individuals of a wide range of ages are indiscriminately admitted into
5 AOA-accredited osteopathic medical schools; and
6
7 **WHEREAS**, Encouraging students of all ages to join SOMA will further reinforce the
8 objectives and mission of SOMA; now, therefore, be it
9
10 **RESOLVED**, That Article VI of the *Constitution and Bylaws* be amended as follows to
11 include age as a factor by which membership may not be refused by the Association or its
12 constituent chapters.

ARTICLE VI – Discrimination

Neither the Association or its constituent chapters may refuse membership on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, [age,] sexual orientation, national origin or creed. Chapters shall otherwise determine the qualifications of their own members where not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association.

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Constitutional Amendment S-2012-6

Subject: DISCRIMINATION BASED ON DISABILITY

1 **WHEREAS**, Article VI of the Constitution of the Student Osteopathic Medical
2 Association¹ does not include protection from discrimination against students with a
3 disability; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, Individuals are indiscriminately admitted into AOA- accredited osteopathic
6 medical schools, as required by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation in
7 Standard 5 of the COM Accreditation Standards and Procedures²; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, Encouraging all students to join SOMA will further reinforce the objectives
10 and mission of SOMA; now, therefore, be it

11
12 **RESOLVED**, That Article VI of the *Constitution and Bylaws* be amended as follows to
13 include disability as a factor by which membership may not be refused by the Association
14 or its constituent chapters.

¹*ARTICLE VI – Discrimination*

Neither the Association or its constituent chapters may refuse membership on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, [disability,] national origin or creed. Chapters shall otherwise determine the qualifications of their own members where not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association.

²*Standard 5 – Students*

5.2.2 Recruiting and selection of students for admission to a COM must not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, creed, national origin, age or disabilities.

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Effective Time Period: Ongoing

Constitutional Amendment S-2012-7

Subject: PRE-MEDICAL STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

1 **WHEREAS**, The mission of Pre-SOMA is to promote and inform the public about
2 Osteopathic Medical education, to increase the number of osteopathic medical school
3 applicants, and to prepare members for entrance to the osteopathic colleges; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, those interested in joining National Pre-SOMA do not need to establish or
6 become a member of a local Pre-SOMA chapter in order to join National Pre-SOMA;
7 and
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9 **WHEREAS**, it is a much more rewarding experience for each Pre-SOMA member to
10 create or participate in a local chapter in order to orchestrate local pre-osteopathic
11 medicine-related events and help to realize the mission of Pre-SOMA; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, it is important for potential charter founders to determine their
14 communities' interest in starting a local Pre-SOMA chapter to ensure that their charter,
15 once established, can remain active; now, therefore, be it
16

17 **RESOLVED**, that Section 5. Pre-Medical Student Membership be amended to read as
18 follows (Referenced from the current National Pre-SOMA Constitution):
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20 Section 5. Pre-Medical Student Membership.
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22 A) Eligibility for National Membership. National membership to Pre-SOMA shall be
23 open to any person in an accredited undergraduate institution or any person who
24 completed all or part of said educational pathway and is in the preparation process for
25 applying to osteopathic medical school (Article III Membership section 1).
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27 B) Maintaining Membership. National Pre-SOMA members must renew their
28 membership on www.studentdo.com at the beginning of each academic year.
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30 C) Eligibility for Charter Petition. Prior to submitting an application for a local charter,
31 all potential founders must join Pre-SOMA on the National SOMA website. Potential
32 charter founders must submit the proper paperwork to National SOMA as outlined in
33 Article IX Section A of the National Pre-SOMA Constitution in order to apply for a
34 charter.
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36 D) Maintaining a Charter. In order to maintain a charter, local chapter members must
37 follow the protocol as outlined in Article IX Section B of the National Pre-SOMA
38 Constitution. Failure to comply with Article IX Section A and B will result in not being
39 recognized by the AOA, SOMA, or Pre-SOMA. Charters failing to comply with Article
40 IX Section B and C of the National Pre-SOMA Constitution will have their charter
41 revoked for one year, after which time a local chapter may re-apply for their charter for

42 the following academic year (Article IX Section D).

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44 E) Dues Structure. It is possible to collect dues as a requirement for National Pre-SOMA
45 Membership if the SOMA National treasury requires such dues (Article III section 2).
46 Requirement for local Pre-SOMA dues will be left to the discretion of the Founding
47 and/or Executive board of individual local chapters. Dues collected by local Pre-SOMA
48 chapters should be kept in a university or college approved bank account and use of these
49 funds should abide by all university or college rules and regulations. Fund usage for Pre-
50 SOMA monies should be in keeping with the purpose of Pre-SOMA and are deemed only
51 for projects and activities that support the members of the local organization in their
52 pursuit to serve the purpose (Article III Section 4 a,b).

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Resolution: S-2012-1

Subject: APPOINTMENT OF THE DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPRESENTING SOMA AT THE AOA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

1 **WHEREAS**, The Student Osteopathic Medical Association is granted one delegate seat
2 at the annual AOA House of Delegates and one alternate delegate seat to perform in the
3 absence of the appointed delegate; and
4

5 **WHEREAS**, The resolutions submitted to the AOA on behalf of the SOMA delegation
6 are reviewed using the process of the SOMA House of Delegates; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, It is the responsibility of the Speaker of the House and/or his/her appointee
9 to the position of Reference Committee Chairperson to review and organize any and all
10 resolutions submitted to the SOMA House of Delegates including those that will be
11 drafted for submission to the AOA House of Delegates; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, The Reference Committee Chairperson will be innately familiar with the
14 resolution process and subject matter as part of his/her core responsibility; and therefore,
15 be it
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17 **RESOLVED**, That the Reference Committee Chairperson shall automatically serve as
18 the Delegate representing SOMA at the AOA House of Delegates; and be it further
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20 **RESOLVED**, That the Reference Committee Chairperson shall appoint an alternate
21 delegate, selected from the members of the Reference Committee, to serve in the event of
22 his/her inability to serve.

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Resolution: S-2012-2

Subject: STATEMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES – GREEN INITIATIVE

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Academic institutions must utilize goods in the maintenance and
2 construction of their facilities and the production of teaching materials, thereby
3 contributing to the spectrum of extraction, production, and distribution; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, Initiatives to reduce the negative human impact on the environment have
6 been shown to result in significant positive environmental outcomes [1]; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, Not all medical schools currently have sustainability mission statements to
9 promote institutional sustainability practices; therefore be it
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11 **RESOLVED**, That SOMA develop a model sustainability statement that medical schools
12 can use as a template for creating institution-specific sustainability mission statements;
13 and be it further
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15 **RESOLVED**, That SOMA encourage all medical schools to adopt mission statements
16 which promote institutional sustainability initiatives such as consumption awareness,
17 waste reduction, energy and water conservation, and the utilization of reusable/recyclable
18 goods; and be it further
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20 **RESOLVED**, That SOMA makes sustainability a more publicly visible principle of the
21 organization by developing a statement of internal sustainability goals.
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References:

1. Ringquist, EJ. (1993) "Does Regulation Matter? Evaluating the Effects of State Air Pollution Control Programs. Cambridge University Press. The Journal of Politics 55: 1022-1045.

Resolution: S-2012-3

Subject: EMPHASIS ON SPECIFIC PROFESSIONAL TITLE OVER GENERIC

1 **WHEREAS**, Norman Gevitz, PhD has completed an extensive research project on
2 osteopathic physicians; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, Norman Gevitz, PhD has revealed underlying themes of the osteopathic
5 medical community's struggles; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, The current struggle seems to revolve around maintaining the autonomy of
8 the osteopathic medical practitioners; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, The D.O. profession is growing at an exponential rate (nine-fold increase
11 from the year 1968 to 2011) and proper recognition is due for the unique training and
12 work completed by osteopathic physicians; therefore, be it

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14 **RESOLVED**, that the Student Osteopathic Medical Association encourages all its
15 student chapters, the American Osteopathic Association, and all practicing osteopathic
16 physicians, to utilize the "Osteopathic physician" title in place of "Medical doctor"
17 whenever possible and D.O. where M.D. is indicated.

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Action Taken:

Date:

Effective Time Period: Ongoing

Resolution: S-2012-4

Subject: SIMULTANEOUS OSTEOPATHIC AND ALLOPATHIC MATCH DATE

1 **WHEREAS**, Osteopathic medical students are able to participate in both residency
2 matching programs: the osteopathic AOA Intern/Resident Registration Program (IRRP)
3 and the allopathic National Resident Matching Program (NRMP); and
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5 **WHEREAS**, The osteopathic residency matching program posts acceptances in mid
6 February and the allopathic residency matching program posts acceptances in mid March
7 with acceptance into an osteopathic residency resulting in automatic withdrawal from the
8 allopathic match; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, Osteopathic students deserve the opportunity to choose a residency
11 program best suited for their future without the decision being made by an external
12 governing party; now, therefore, be it
13

14 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Osteopathic Medical Association recommend to the
15 American Osteopathic Association and other parties concerned for a simultaneous
16 IRRP and NRMP match day focused on better accommodating the considerations of the
17 osteopathic medical student.

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Action Taken:

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Resolution: S-2012-5

Subject: REDEFINING THE STUDENT SEAT ON THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION'S HOUSE OF DELEGATES

1 **WHEREAS**, The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the American
2 Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) are tasked with different
3 missions: advancement 4.of the osteopathic profession and lending support to the nation's
4 osteopathic medical schools, respectively; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, The Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) and the Council of
7 Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP) have different objectives: to
8 promote osteopathic ideals and unity among the profession, and to encourage
9 professional development and leadership among osteopathic medical students,
10 respectively; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, SOMA regularly interacts with the AOA (SOMA is linked on the AOA's
13 website as a related organization) and COSGP regularly interacts with the AACOM
14 (COSGP is one of twelve Councils established under the AACOM); and
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16 **WHEREAS**, SOMA does not receive any formal recognition or voting power at
17 AACOM events; now, therefore, be it
18

19 **RESOLVED**, that SOMA retains the only independent student seat within the American
20 Osteopathic Association's House of Delegates.

COSGP leaders already have numerous seats as delegate members of their respective state's osteopathic association.

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Action Taken:

Date:

Effective Time Period: Ongoing

Resolution: S-2012-6

Subject: REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND SEX EDUCATION

1 **WHEREAS**, Osteopathic medical schools emphasize careers in primary care; and
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3 **WHEREAS**, Primary care specialties focus on prevention to reduce long-term health
4 care costs to our society while providing for the overall well-being of the patient; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, Preventive medicine in relation to reproductive rights relies on
7 scientifically accurate, evidence-based sex education and improved access to birth
8 control; now, therefore, be it
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10 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) urge
11 Osteopathic medical students and physicians to play an active role in teaching age-
12 appropriate sex education to youth and supporting better access to reproductive services,
13 especially in rural and underserved populations; and, be it further
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15 **RESOLVED**, That SOMA encourages osteopathic medical schools to include
16 reproductive health education on all evidence-based options as part of their mandatory
17 curricula as a means to improve health disparities.

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