Whereas, non-physicians, such as nurse practitioners and physician assistants, are valuable members of the physician-led health care team;

Whereas, new health care models, including accountable care organizations, require increased teamwork among physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and other providers of care;

Whereas, four nationwide surveys confirm increasing patient confusion regarding the many types of health care providers - including physicians, nurses, physician assistants, technicians and other varied providers. Nearly 80% of those surveyed support state legislation requiring all health care advertising materials to clearly designate the level of education, skills and training of all health care professionals promoting their services; and

Whereas, to ensure patient safety and avoid patient confusion, physicians should have the education, training, and experience in the procedures delegated to non-physician members of the health-care team; be it

Whereas, as physicians, our number one priority is the health and welfare of our patients; and be it

RESOLVED, that the STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY/ASSOCIATION support legislative efforts ensuring the supervising physician has the education, training, and experience in the duties and procedures delegated to non-physician members of the health care team; and be it further

RESOLVED, the supervising physician must not delegate procedures outside of their original area of practice unless he or she can demonstrate adequate training, competence, and experience. Training programs provided by a manufacturer or vendor of a medical device or supplies may not be the supervising physician’s only education in the service or operation of the medical device or supplies to be used. The supervising physician who delegates medical procedures, including cosmetic medical procedures, demonstrates one’s education, training, and education through the completion of an ACCME or AOA-approved continuing education, or ACGME or AOA-accredited postgraduate program that includes training in the medical procedure, including cosmetic medical procedure, performed. The AACME continuing education must meet Category I AMA approval.