

1 **INDIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**
2 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SPEAKER OF THE CONGRESS**
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4 **French Lick, IN**

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7 Please refer to the Transactions of the COD for complete information regarding the discussion,
8 decisions, and events from the virtual 2020 Membership Meeting.
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10 After two long years, we are excited to be back together in French Lick for our Annual Meeting. It's
11 been quite the journey over the past 15 months, entering a global pandemic, witnessing the strength
12 and resilience of the medical community, and marveling in the vaccine technology that allows us to all
13 be together again. This year's meeting may look a little different from prior meetings with more
14 distancing and a slightly altered timeline, but the spirit of our Academy is as strong as ever.
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16 I am excited to get back to having an in-person Congress of Delegates. If the COVID pandemic has
17 shown us anything, it's that Family Physicians need to continue to serve as the leaders of our
18 healthcare system. We have several resolutions and recommendations this year that demonstrate our
19 continued passion for the health and safety of our patients. We hope that all of you will participate in
20 our sessions of Congress and the Reference Committee meeting on Sunday and Monday. There is no
21 time like the present to make sure your voice is heard.
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23 We hope the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians is a great value and resource to you in your
24 professional lives especially given the events of the past year. Please let me know any comments,
25 questions, or suggestions you may have.
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27 Respectfully submitted,

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30 Speaker of the Congress