

1 **RESOLUTION #18-03**

2 **ENTITLED:** Health Advocacy and Policy Fellowship

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6 WHEREAS, family physicians are personal doctors for people of all ages and health conditions who  
7 serve as the first contact for health concerns and directly address most health care needs, and

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9 WHEREAS, family physicians not only help patients prevent, understand, and manage illness, but  
10 often help patients navigate the health system and set health goals, and

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12 WHEREAS, as a specialty family medicine has the ability to adapt to the unique needs of patients and  
13 their communities, and

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15 WHEREAS, routinely use data to monitor and manage their patient population, and

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17 WHEREAS, use best science to prioritize services most likely to benefit health, and

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19 WHEREAS, as a result family physicians are well equipped to address priority health concerns of the  
20 community, region and/or nation, and

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22 WHEREAS, use their expertise and influence as health advocates for advancing the well-being of  
23 individual patients, communities and populations; therefore be it

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25 RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) work with the Indiana  
26 congressional office to create a health advocacy and fellowship program that will allow Indiana family  
27 medicine residents to engage the community as well as cultivate interests in healthy advocacy and  
28 policy, and be it further

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30 RESOLVED, the IAFP financially support an Indiana family medicine resident, as part of the fellowship  
31 program, to attend either the American Academy of Family Physicians State Legislative Conference or  
32 Family Medicine Advocacy Summit, and be it further

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34 RESOLVED, the IAFP support an Indiana family medicine resident, as part of the fellowship program,  
35 to travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in the federal legislative and policy staffers to gain a  
36 well-rounded understanding of the health policy process and have the opportunity to contribute to the  
37 development of new policies and programs.

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