

1 **RESOLUTION #23-08**

2 **ENTITLED:** Nursing Home Care

3 **SUBMITTED BY:** Dick Huber, MD

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5 WHEREAS, Hoosier physicians are concerned about the health services provided for our patients and
6 all Hoosiers in all medical care facilities, and

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8 WHEREAS, AARP, a senior advocacy group for Americans, ranks Indiana's elder care system dead
9 last nationally, and

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11 WHEREAS, Indiana nursing homes rank 48th nationally in staffing hours adjusted for how sick the
12 residents are which directly relates to the quality of care, and

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14 WHEREAS, 22 Indiana county hospitals own 93% of the Indiana 534 nursing homes and in 2019
15 received \$679 million in supplemental Medicaid payments, more than any other state, and yet Indiana
16 nursing homes rank among the worst in the nation, and

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18 WHEREAS, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine concluded: (#1) The
19 way in which the US finances, delivers, and regulates care in nursing home setting is ineffective,
20 inefficient, fragmented, and unsustainable; and (#2) Immediate action to initiate fundamental change is
21 necessary, and

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23 WHEREAS, the National Academies recently published 'The National Imperative to Improve Nursing
24 Home Quality' with recommendations and general principles, therefore be it

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26 RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) take a leadership role to initiate
27 and collaborate with other agencies, associations and organizations to consider and implement
28 appropriate recommendations and principles, such as published by the National Academies, to
29 improve the quality of care for our patients in Indiana's nursing homes, and be it further,

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31 RESOLVED, that this resolution be adopted with referral to the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians
32 (IAFP) Board of Directors for implementation and action.