

1 **RESOLUTION #23-11**

2 **ENTITLED:** Increasing Family Medicine Involvement In Indiana Maternal Mortality Conversation and  
3 Fostering FMOB Connection

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6 WHEREAS Indiana has the 3rd highest maternal mortality rate in the United States at 44 deaths per  
7 100,000 live births and,

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9 WHEREAS the maternal mortality rate among Black women in Indiana is 93% higher than their  
10 counterparts and,

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12 WHEREAS half of women (50%) who died in 2020 in Indiana accessed prenatal care during the first  
13 trimester and another 15.2% received no prenatal care at all, and,

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15 WHEREAS mental health conditions (other than substance use disorders) definitely or probably  
16 contributed to 34% of pregnancy-associated deaths in Indiana, and,

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18 WHEREAS Family Medicine physicians who provide obstetric services are ideally placed to easily  
19 transition pregnant people from primary care into prenatal care, helping to ensure adequate prenatal  
20 and postpartum care and,

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22 WHEREAS Family Medicine physicians are ideally suited to provide both obstetric care and mental  
23 health care, and,

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25 WHEREAS it is unclear to what extent Family Medicine physicians are involved in state-wide  
26 conversations around maternal mortality and,

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28 WHEREAS Family Medicine physicians who provide obstetric care face specific barriers to providing  
29 that care including restrictive hospital privileging, hostile treatment by other specialties, difficulty  
30 maintaining privileges, and difficulty finding positions offering obstetrics, therefore be it

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32 RESOLVED that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians investigate the involvement of Family  
33 Medicine physicians in maternal mortality conversations across the state and advocate for  
34 representation on the Indiana Maternal Mortality Review Committee, and be it further

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36 RESOLVED that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians will create a database of Family Medicine  
37 physicians in Indiana providing obstetrics services for the purpose of networking and data collection.

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39 Resources

40 <https://policyinstitute.iu.edu/doc/maternal-mortality-brief.pdf>

41 <https://indianacapitalchronicle.com/2022/09/28/indianas-dismal-maternal-mortality-rate-increases/>