RESOLUTION #21-02
ENTITLED: AAFP Ethics Consultation Team
SUBMITTED BY: Jason Marker, MD, FAAFP

WHEREAS, there are many issues before the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and the AAFP Congress of Delegates (COD) with important ethical underpinnings, and

WHEREAS, making well-informed decisions that can best serve our members is the goal of both the AAFP and its COD, and

WHEREAS, there have been times when decision-making has been challenging due to a lack of comprehensive historical and ethical background about important ethical matters before these groups; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Board of Directors appoint annually a group of individuals to serve as an ethics consultation team (to be named and organized logistically by the AAFP), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) ethics consultation team consist of roughly equal parts non-physician members with backgrounds in medical ethics and a diverse group of AAFP members (who may or may not have specific training in medical ethics), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) ethics consultation team be tasked with reviewing and commenting on AAFP Congress of Delegates resolutions to provide factual and historical context on any relevant ethical matters in the resolutions, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) ethics consultation team be made available to provide consultative service to the AAFP Board of Directors between and during their regular meetings, the AAFP Commission Chairs as needed during their work, and for any other special issue review as directed by the AAFP Executive Vice President and Senior Leadership.