

RESOLUTION

Subject: Establish a Kentucky Institute of Medicine

Submitted by: Lexington Medical Society

Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Institute of Medicine (KIOM or Institute) started by the University of Kentucky in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Institute was modeled after the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Institute was to improve the health of the people of Kentucky by providing objective, evidence-based advice concerning health and healthcare to policy makers, professionals, leaders of society, and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Institute was instrumental in providing evidence for a primary seat belt law which was projected to save the Commonwealth \$40.0 million over 10 years for long term medical care, \$116 million in economic wages, and \$324 million in comprehensive costs and which resulted in the passage of a primary seat belt law by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Institute performed a comprehensive statewide physician workforce study for the Rural Kentucky Medical Scholarship Fund as recommended by the KMA Physician Workforce Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Institute performed the first county health assessment for all Kentucky counties; and

WHEREAS, the KIOM no longer exists due to lack of involvement and financial support; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Medical Association support the implementation of a Kentucky Institute of Medicine to enhance healthcare in Kentucky.