

RESOLUTION

Subject: Supporting Evidence Based Vaccine Policy

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Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, vaccination is one of the most effective public health interventions, preventing morbidity and mortality from numerous infectious diseases and contributing to community-wide protection; and

WHEREAS, vaccine recommendations in the United States are developed through rigorous, transparent review of scientific evidence, including evaluation of safety, efficacy, effectiveness, and population health impact; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) develops national immunization recommendations using standardized, evidence-based methodologies, including systematic review of data and structured frameworks to assess benefits, harms, feasibility, and equity; and

WHEREAS, ACIP has currently become a politically charged committee clouding the recommended immunization schedules by bias; and

WHEREAS, vaccine safety is continuously monitored through robust pre- and post-licensure surveillance systems overseen by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; and

WHEREAS, maintaining public trust in vaccines requires adherence to transparent, science-based policymaking and consistent communication grounded in high-quality evidence; and

WHEREAS, state medical societies play a critical role in promoting best practices, guiding clinicians, and advocating for policies that protect public health; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA affirms its support for vaccine policies that are grounded in the best available scientific evidence and nationally recognized guidelines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that physicians and healthcare professionals within the state are encouraged to follow evidence-based immunization schedules in clinical practice and to use these guidelines in patient counseling and shared decision-making; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA supports efforts to promote accurate, evidence-based information about vaccines and to address misinformation that may undermine vaccine confidence; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA advocates for policies that ensure equitable access to recommended vaccines for all populations within the state; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA reaffirms its commitment to evidence-based medicine and public health by supporting vaccination practices that are safe, effective, and grounded in the highest quality scientific standards.