

RESOLUTION

Subject: Partner with Non-Profit Organizations to Improve Physician Education on Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention

Submitted by: KMA Board of Trustees

Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, physicians are often among the first healthcare professionals to identify signs of mental health conditions, suicidal ideation, and emotional distress in patients, making education on recognition, intervention, and referral an important component of clinical practice; and

WHEREAS, evidence-based educational programs, including Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) suicide prevention training and continuing medical education focused on mental health awareness, can equip physicians with practical skills to recognize warning signs, engage in supportive conversations, and connect individuals with appropriate resources; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit organizations, including the Pete Foundation, have developed expertise and educational resources that can expand access to high-quality mental health awareness and suicide prevention training for physicians across the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA partner with non-profit organizations on improving physician education around mental health awareness and suicide prevention.