

RESOLUTION

Subject: Supporting Evidence Based Vaccine Policy

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Referred to: Reference Committee

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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 be it further

RESOLVED, that physicians and healthcare professionals within the state are encouraged to follow immunization schedules and recommendations grounded in the best available scientific evidence and developed through transparent, rigorous, evidence-based review, and to use these recommendations 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.