**OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 14 – 2020**

**Introduced by:** OSMA District Four

**Subject:** Multidisciplinary Approach to Safer Care of Obese Patients in

Healthcare Settings

**Referred to:** Resolutions Committee No. 2

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**WHEREAS**, 2016-2017 statistics show Ohio's current obesity rate of 33.8%, ranks nationally as the 11th highest in adult obesity rates and 18.6% in youth's ages 10-17 ranks 6th according to Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2004-2019 "The State of Obesity; Better Policies for a Healthier America."; and

**WHEREAS**, According to recent data, adult obesity rates exceed 35% in seven states, 30% in 29 states and 25% in 48 states; and

**WHEREAS**, Updated September 2019: According to the most recent Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data, adult obesity rates now exceed 35% in nine states, 30% in 31 states and 25% in 48 states. Mississippi and West Virginia have the highest adult obesity rate at 39.5% and Colorado has the lowest at 23%. Between 2017 and 2018, the adult obesity rate increased in Florida, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, and Utah, decreased in Alaska, and remained stable in the rest of states and D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, Acording to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Obesity is also often associated with 236 comorbidities, such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, arthritis, depression and 13 different cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, There are multiple policies in the state of Ohio addressing food insecurity and healthy eating habits such as: "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Women Infants and Children's Program, Child and Adult Food Care Program, Food Marketing to Children, Healthy Food Financing Initiative" etc.; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio has policy addressing healthier activities such as; "Physical Education and Physical Activity in School, Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Standards in Early Care and Education; and

**WHEREAS**, There is no existing policy of the OSMA addressing patient safety in caring for the obese patient across healthcare settings and the only existing AMA policy only addresses “encouraging policies to help assist with the management of obese patients during positioning and transportation”; **therefore be it**

**RESOLVED**, That the OSMA develop new policy specifically addressing a multidisciplinary approach to safer care of obese patients across the continuum of care in healthcare settings; and, **be it further**

**RESOLVED**, That the OSMA work with interested parties including specialty organizations, hospitals, healthcare systems and state health organizations to develop best practice standards in a multidisciplinary approach to safer care of obese patients across the continuum of care in healthcare settings; and, **be it further**

**RESOLVED**, That the OSMA delegation to the AMA present this resolution to the Organized Medical Staff Section of the AMA to help develop national best practice standards addressing safer care for the obese patient across the continuum of care in healthcare settings.

**Fiscal Note:** $ None Provided (Sponsor)

$ 50,000 (Staff)