

**Final resolution after Congress Session II on March 13, 2014 - APPROVED**

**Resolution 8 – Epidemic Opioid Overdose Deaths in America**

WHEREAS, opioid overdose deaths have been increasing with 70% of reported overdose deaths the result of the prescription opioid analgesics, and

WHEREAS, since 2009, more people have died annually from drug poisoning than from motor vehicle accidents, and

WHEREAS, use of opioid antagonists combined with psychosocial support programs are recommended by numerous federal, state and private agencies, and

WHEREAS, family physicians, as the most frequently contacted health professionals, can play a critical role in increasing community awareness and availability of opioid antagonists as a response to the national epidemic of opioid overdose deaths, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) supports the continued evaluation and availability of all interventions that prevent opioid overdose deaths, especially the increased availability and use of opioid antagonists.

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