

SUBJECT: Marijuana Impaired Driving
SUBMITTED BY: Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians (MAOFP)
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RESOLUTION NO. 8

- 1 WHEREAS, the recreational use of marijuana is now legal in four states, and 19 additional states
2 plus the District of Columbia have authorized marijuana for medicinal purposes; and
- 3 WHEREAS, marijuana is the most popular recreational drug in the U.S. after alcohol and
4 tobacco; and
- 5 WHEREAS, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the active ingredient in marijuana, is the second most
6 common substance, after alcohol, found in the blood of impaired and fatally injured
7 drivers; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that marijuana
9 negatively affects drivers attentiveness and perception of time and speed; and
- 10 WHEREAS, as marijuana legalization becomes more widespread, the lack of research and
11 knowledge about its effects on drivers is becoming more evident; now, therefore be it
- 12 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFPP) partner
13 with the American Osteopathic Association to advocate for the establishment of a
14 nationwide legal standard for serum concentrations which constitutes driver impairment
15 from marijuana; and, be it further
- 16 RESOLVED, that development of a standardized roadside test, such as a breathalyzer for
17 alcohol, that measures THC levels in a drivers system, be made a priority.

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