

SUBJECT: Absence of Gun Violence Research as a Public Health Issue  
SUBMITTED BY: Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians  
REFERRED TO: 2017 ACOFP Congress of Delegates

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RESOLUTION NO. 25

1 WHEREAS, the United States, with a homicide rate from gun violence 25.2 times greater  
2 than other high-income developed countries, continues to ban research determining  
3 the cause of this disparity, and  
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5 WHEREAS, proposed solutions to resolving gun violence continue as a divisive political  
6 issue, and  
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8 WHEREAS, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) has policies on  
9 the prevention of gun violence, violence as a public health concern, and firearms and  
10 safety issues, and  
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12 WHEREAS, the US Congress has failed to enact legislation to allow or encourage research  
13 on gun violence; now, therefore be it  
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15 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) identify  
16 and work with other professional health or interested organizations to encourage  
17 non-partisan research on gun violence and the removal of restrictions on that  
18 research.

FINAL ACTION: APPROVED as of March 16, 2017