

SUBJECT: Global Medical Outreach

SUBMITTED BY: Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians

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RESOLUTION NO. 26

- 1 WHEREAS, organizations like DOCARE have shown dedication to global health medical service  
2 work since 1961; and
- 3 WHEREAS, osteopathic medical schools maintain international pre-clerkship electives and  
4 clerkship rotations in approximately 58 countries; and
- 5 WHEREAS, physicians expand their medical knowledge by encountering clinical presentations  
6 and diagnoses rarely seen in the United States; and
- 7 WHEREAS, volunteering and assisting with medical relief programs increases osteopathic  
8 visibility abroad by creating cross-cultural professional relationships with  
9 international health care leaders, especially in the context of performing Osteopathic  
10 Manipulative Treatment; and
- 11 WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians and medical students desire global outreach experiences,  
12 but in some cases are limited by a lack of available opportunities; now, therefore be it
- 13 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) advocate for  
14 the osteopathic profession to participate in international medical outreach to improve  
15 cultural competency and increase international osteopathic recognition.

FINAL ACTION: APPROVED as of MARCH 22, 2018

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