

RESOLUTION 2011 - O

SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates
SUBMITTED BY: Wayne County Osteopathic Medical Association
RECOMMENDATION: Approved - *Professional Affairs Committee*
SUBJECT: Professional Photo Identification Display

- 1 **Whereas**, patients are entitled to know both the name and the professional credentials
2 of the health care worker providing their care; and
- 3 **Whereas**, patients often may not know the professional credentials of the person
4 providing their care; and
- 5 **Whereas**, some non-physicians providing care have earned doctorate degrees; and
- 6 **Whereas**, patients often see multiple care providers during a healthcare encounter;
- 7 **Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA)
8 encourage all healthcare providers to wear photo identification (ID), at a position higher
9 than the waist, that can be clearly read at conversational distances; and
- 10 **Be it Further Resolved**, that this ID completely spell out an individual's credentials such
11 as professional title and degree(s) (i.e. D.O. Physician) as appropriate and include job
12 designation¹ in large block letters; ~~and~~
- 13 ~~**Be It Further Resolved**, that the MOA requests the Michigan State Legislature to~~
14 ~~consider enactment of legislation requiring such identification; and~~
- 15 ~~**Be It Further Resolved**, that the appropriate State of Michigan regulatory agency~~
16 ~~develop and implement rules for health care provider identification.~~

¹ For example: "D.O.", "Physician", RN "Registered Nurse," C-PA "Physician Assistant", MA " Medical Assistant", " or for non-professionals 'Clerk" et cetera