

RESOLUTION 2011 - P

SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates
SUBMITTED BY: Wayne County Osteopathic Medical Association
RECOMMENDATION: Approved - *Professional Affairs Committee*
SUBJECT: Osteopathic Physicians in Public Office

- 1 **Whereas**, there is an increasing number of osteopathic physicians who are willing to
2 further their commitment to providing service to their community by running for public
3 office; and
- 4 **Whereas**, up to the present time there has been limited efforts within osteopathic circles
5 to encourage such endeavors; and
- 6 **Whereas**, there have been limited organized efforts to financially support those
7 osteopathic physicians who are running for public office; and
- 8 **Whereas**, the osteopathic profession and its interests would be significantly advanced
9 should an osteopathic physician attain public office.
- 10 **Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA) educate
11 and promote to its membership various opportunities to run for elective public office; and
- 12 **Be It Further Resolved** that the MOA will offer to make available to those osteopathic
13 physicians interested in running for elective public office the counsel of politically
14 experienced individuals within the MOA; and
- 15 **Be It Further Resolved** that the MOA will assist in increasing awareness of the
16 physician candidate to the MOA membership by publishing their names and candidacy
17 in MOA publications and communications where appropriate including Michigan
18 Osteopathic Political Action Committee (MOPAC) communications; and
- 19 **Be It Further Resolved** that the MOA will encourage MOPAC to consider providing
20 financial support to osteopathic physicians running for elective public office, as long as
21 the candidate does not hold positions contrary to that endorsed or adopted by MOA or
22 MOPAC.