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Bylaw Amendment 01-19
Title: “Making the Tennessee Medical Association Organized Medical Staff Section (OMSS) a Committee of the Board of Trustees Instead of a Section”
HOD Action: Adopted

Resolution No. 01-19
Title: “Annual Stipend for Association President”
Author: Peter J. Swarr, MD, Chair, Board of Trustees
HOD Action: Adopted by Unanimous Consent

Resolution No. 02-19
Title: “Youth Diversity on Standing TMA Committees”
Author: Bob Vegors, MD, Chair, TMA Professional Relations Committee
HOD Action: Adopted as Amended

Resolution No. 03-19
Title: “Expansion of Resources & Patient Access to Treatment Options for Substance & Mental Health Disorders”
Author: Dawn Barlow, MD, Upper Cumberland Medical Society
HOD Action: Adopted as Amended

Resolution No. 04-19
Title: “Accreditation Considerations for Future US Medical Schools”
Author: Daniel Pereira, Medical Student Section
HOD Action: Referred to the Board as Amended

Resolution No. 05-19
Title: “Polysomnographic Technologist License Requirements”
Author: Anuj Chandra, MD, Chattanooga Hamilton County Medical Society
HOD Action: Not Adopted

Resolution No. 06-19
Title: “Graduate Physicians”
Author: Anuj Chandra, MD, Chattanooga Hamilton County Medical Society
HOD Action: Referred to the Board

Resolution No. 07-19
Title: “Medical Records for Children in Foster Care”
Author: Nita Shumaker, MD, Ex-Officio
HOD Action: Adopted

Resolution No. 08-19
Title: “Improving Communication Between Hospitals & Primary Care”
Author: Nita Shumaker, MD, Ex-Officio
HOD Action: Adopted as Amended

Resolution No. 09-19
Title: “Truth in Advertising for CBD Oil”
Author: James Haynes, MD, Chattanooga Hamilton County Medical Society
HOD Action: Adopted

Resolution No. 10-19
Title: “Regulation & Enforcement of CBD Products Distributed in the State of Tennessee”
Author: Elise Denneney, MD, Ex-Officio
HOD Action: Withdrawn by Author

Resolution No. 11-19
Title: “Regulation of Physician-Led, Team-based, Collaborative Practice Between Physicians and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses”
Author: M. Kevin Smith, MD, Nashville Academy of Medicine
HOD Action: Adopted as Amended
Resolution No. 12-19  
HOD Action: Referred to the Board  
Title: “Scope of Practice Expansion by Non-Physician Providers”  
Author: M. Kevin Smith, MD, Nashville Academy of Medicine

Resolution No. 13-19  
HOD Action: Adopted as Amended  
Title: “Remote Patient Monitoring for Management of Chronic Conditions”  
Author: Daniel Pereira, Medical Student Section

Resolution No. 14-19  
HOD Action: Not Adopted  
Title: “Mandate Health Insurance Companies to Determine “Medical Necessity” of Coverage According to Evidence-based Guidelines”  
Author: Anuj Chandra, MD, Chattanooga Hamilton County Medical Society

Resolution No. 16-19  
HOD Action: Referred to the Board  
Title: “Reduction of Firearm Violence”  
Author: Richard Lane, MD, Tennessee Chapter of American College of Physicians

Resolution No. 17-19  
HOD Action: Referred to the Board  
Title: “Access to Care”  
Author: James Powers, MD, Nashville Academy of Medicine

Resolution No. 18-19  
HOD Action: Adopted as Amended  
Title: “The Future of IMPACT”  
Author: Newt Allen, MD, IMPACT Committee

Resolution No. 19-19  
HOD Action: Not Adopted  
Title: “Encourage Recovery Homes to Implement Evidence Based Policies Regarding Access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder”  
Author: Sanjana Salwi, Nashville Academy of Medicine

Resolution No. 20-19  
HOD Action: Adopted  
Title: “Step Therapy Reform: Tennessee”  
Author: George Woodbury, MD, The Memphis Medical Society

Resolution No. 21-19  
HOD Action: Adopted  
Title: “TMA Funding for Medical Student Chapters”  
Author: Daniel Pereira, Medical Student Section

Emergency Resolution No. 01-19  
HOD Action: Adopted as Amended  
Title: “Resolution to Ban the Sale of Flavored Vape Products in Tennessee”  
Author: Nita Shumaker, MD, Ex-Officio

Resolution of Commendation  
HOD Action: Adopted  
Title: Commendation for David G. Gerkin, MD  
Author: Peter J. Swarr, MD, Chair, TMA Board of Trustees
ADOPTED MAY 18, 2019

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Bylaw Amendment No. 01-19

INTRODUCED: COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
ROBIN WILLIAMS, MD, CHAIR

SUBJECT: MAKING THE TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED MEDICAL STAFF SECTION (OMSS) A COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES INSTEAD OF A SECTION

RESOLVED, That TMA Bylaw Chapter III, Section 13 be repealed and subsequent sections of that chapter be renumbered as appropriate.

Sec. 13. There shall be an Organized Medical Staff Section to provide representation within the structure of the Association for the interests of medical staffs in hospitals and integrated health delivery systems. The medical staff of each hospital and other health care facilities and emerging delivery systems in the state shall be entitled to representation in the section. All representatives must be members of the Association. The Organized Medical Staff Section shall be organized under a governing body with appropriate bylaws approved by the Tennessee Medical Association Board of Trustees and shall elect one delegate to represent it in the House of Delegates of the Association.
ADOPTED BY UNAMIMOUS CONSENT MAY 18, 2019

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

May 18, 2019

Resolution No. 01-19

INTRODUCED BY:  TMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
                  PETER J. SWARR, MD, CHAIR

SUBJECT:  ANNUAL STIPEND FOR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT
          [REAFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-05 and 2-12]

REFERRED TO:  CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLVED,  That beginning with fiscal year 2006 the President of the Tennessee Medical Association receive a stipend as recognition of their service and to partially offset their loss of practice salary, to be determined by the Tennessee Medical Association’s Finance Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED,  That the stipend, be paid to the President of the Tennessee Medical Association in equally monthly payments beginning the first month of the term of the President of the Tennessee Medical Association (month beginning after the Annual meeting and running through the following Annual meeting).

Sunset:  2026
INTRODUCED BY: ROBERT VEGORS, MD, CHAIR
TMA PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: YOUTH DIVERSITY ON STANDING TMA COMMITTEES

RESOLVED, That beginning in 2020, every TMA standing committee shall have at least one medical student or resident physician as a member, to be recruited by the committee chair and/or staff liaison through the respective sections, approved by the Appointment Committee, and ratified by the Board of Trustees for each term. Should the student or resident nominated to the committee be unable to attend the meeting a designee or proxy student shall be eligible to fill the role and to cast the vote on the student committee member’s behalf as proxy.

Sunset: 2026
ADOPTED AS AMENDED MAY 18, 2019

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

May 18, 2019

Resolution No. 03-19

INTRODUCED BY:  DAWN MICHELLE BARLOW, MD, DELEGATE
UPPER CUMBERLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY

SUBJECT:  EXPANSION OF RESOURCES AND PATIENT ACCESS TO TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR SUBSTANCE AND MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association work with the State toward expanding resources and patient access to treatment options for substance and mental health disorders in all regions in the state. Resources should include a regional detoxification facility offering patients with opioid use disorder the option to elect supervised tapering and continued follow-up in a regional outpatient recovery program.

Sunset: 2026
RESOLVED, Tennessee Medical Association delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) submit a resolution that would request the AMA to request Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) and Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) to develop and implement criteria that compares number of available U.S. Postgraduate Year 1 (PGY-1) to proposed new class size prior to consideration for a new accreditation in order to prevent growth of the existing PGY-1 position deficit if not already covered by AMA policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, TMA policy continues to support that AMA encourage the Liaison Committee on Continuing Education the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation and other accrediting bodies, as part of accreditation of allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, to prospectively and retrospectively monitor medical school graduates’ rates of placement into GME as well as GME completion.

Sunset: 2026
Resolution No. 05-19

INTRODUCED BY: ANUJ CHANDRA, MD, DELEGATE
CHATTANOOGA HAMILTON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

SUBJECT: POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

RESOLVED, That TMA seek legislative or regulatory changes as need which result in:

(a) The successful completion of an accredited sleep technologist education program (A-STEP) that is accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) should meet the educational requirement for Tennessee Licensure as a Polysomnographic Technologist, and

(b) A person should be eligible to practice sleep-related services with a provisional license as a "Polysomnographic Trainee" while under the direct supervision of a Tennessee-licensed registered polysomnographic technologist credentialed by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists, and

(c) A person should be eligible to practice sleep-related services with a provisional license as a "Polysomnographic Trainee" while under the direct supervision of a Tennessee-licensed physician who is certified in sleep medicine by a national certifying body recognized by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

Sunset: 2026
Resolved. That the Tennessee Medical Association support the enactment of state legislation that establishes a role for medical school graduates in Tennessee to practice in geographical areas with a primary care physician shortage, and be it further

Resolved. That the Tennessee Medical Association delegation to the American Medical Association House of Delegates introduce a resolution directing AMA to urge Congress to develop a primary care role at the federal level for medical school graduates who are unmatched in residency programs, and be it further

Resolved. That the Tennessee Medical Association support the enactment of state legislation that authorizes medical school graduates to be eligible for a limited license to perform administrative medicine.

Sunset: 2026
ADOPTED MAY 18, 2019

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

May 18, 2019

Resolution No. 07-19

INTRODUCED BY: NITA SHUMAKER, MD, EX-OFFICIO DELEGATE

SUBJECT: MEDICAL RECORDS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

RESOLVED. That the Tennessee Medical Association advocate that the State of Tennessee require that previous medical records be obtained for children in state custody and presented to treating providers prior to non-emergent visits to providers, and that records be transferred back to the original physician to document any medical services rendered in foster care.

Sunset: 2026
ADOPTED AS AMENDED MAY 18, 2019

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

May 18, 2019

Resolution No. 08-19

INTRODUCED BY:   NITA SHUMAKER, MD, EX-OFFICIO DELEGATE

SUBJECT:   IMPROVING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOSPITALS AND PRIMARY CARE

RESOLVED.   That the Tennessee Medical Association explore collaborating with Tennessee Hospital Association to create a pathway to notify primary care physicians by hospitals about admissions, discharges, transfers, and emergency room visits, if the patient has provided the hospital with information about their primary care physician.

Sunset: 2026
INTRODUCED BY: JAMES HAYNES, MD, DELEGATE
CHATTANOOGA HAMILTON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

SUBJECT: TRUTH IN ADVERTISING FOR CBD OIL

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association Legislative Committee should consider legislation requiring all entities that sell CBD products in Tennessee to provide customers with a fact sheet alerting them to the possibility of positive drug testing while using CBD oil and related products.

Sunset: 2026
Resolution No. 11-19

INTRODUCED BY: M. KEVIN SMITH, MD, DELEGATE
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

SUBJECT: REGULATION OF PHYSICIAN-LED, TEAM-BASED, COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE BETWEEN PHYSICIANS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association advocate for continued rules that require each advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) to be formally associated in a collaborative practice agreement with a same specialty primary physician partner along with possible secondary physician partners; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association consider a Joint Collaborative Practice Board comprised of an equal number of physicians and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to regulate the collaborative practice of medicine between physicians and APRNs.

Sunset: 2026
INTRODUCED BY:  M. KEVIN SMITH, MD, DELEGATE
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

SUBJECT:  SCOPE OF PRACTICE EXPANSION BY NON-PHYSICIAN PROVIDERS

RESOLVED,  That the Tennessee Medical Association will actively oppose any effort by any health care providers currently required to collaborate with physicians to expand their scope of practice to include practices that constitute the practice of medicine including diagnosing, prescribing, or operating beyond that which physicians would consider safe; and be it further

RESOLVED,  That the Tennessee Medical Association will engage with other medical specialty societies in this state to work together to educate the public and the Tennessee General Assembly concerning the harms of non-physicians engaging in the practice of medicine independently without education and training equivalent to a physician; and be it further

RESOLVED,  That the Tennessee Medical Association will continue to advocate in support of training more physicians in Tennessee medical school and residency programs to reduce issues related to physician shortages in this state; and be it further

RESOLVED,  That the Tennessee Medical Association will advocate for keeping the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Osteopathic Examination as the only two boards overseeing the independent practice of medicine in this state.

Sunset: 2026
ADOPTED AS AMENDED MAY 18, 2019

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

May 18, 2019

Resolution No. 13-19

INTRODUCED BY:   DANIEL PEREIRA, DELEGATE
                  MEDICAL STUDENT SECTION

SUBJECT:   REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC CONDITIONS

RESOLVED,   That the Tennessee Medical Association educate its members on the benefits and uses of remote patient monitoring as a part of telehealth; and be it further

RESOLVED,   That the Tennessee Medical Association advocate for defining remote patient monitoring in the Tennessee Code and advocate that remote patient monitoring by physicians be sufficiently reimbursed by health insurance entities for the management of chronic conditions; and be it further

RESOLVED,   That the Tennessee Medical Association draft and submit a resolution to the American Medical Association (AMA) for the promotion, definition, and reimbursement of Remote Patient Monitoring for the treatment of chronic conditions.

Sunset: 2026
NOT ADOPTED MAY 18, 2019

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

May 18, 2019

Resolution No. 14-19

INTRODUCED BY: ANUJ CHANDRA, MD, DELEGATE
CHATTANOOGA HAMILTON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

SUBJECT: MANDATE HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES TO DETERMINE “MEDICAL NECESSITY” OF COVERAGE ACCORDING TO EVIDENCE-BASED GUIDELINES

RESOLVED, That health insurance companies providing services to Tennessee residents be mandated to determine "medical necessity" of coverage based on evidence-based standards of care as written in the guidelines of a nationally-recognized bodies like the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) and not based on the insurance companies' internally developed policies which are in variance from the guidelines, and be it further

RESOLVED, That health insurance companies operating in Tennessee make readily available to its enrolled consumers an unambiguous coverage policy which outlines, in common parlance, the specific inclusion and exclusion criteria for coverage of a medical service.

Sunset: 2026
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Resolution No. 16-19

Introduced: Richard G. Lane, MD, Delegate
Tennessee Chapter of American College of Physicians

Subject: Reduction of Firearms Violence

Resolved, that TMA legislative advocacy efforts encourage the Legislature to:

1. Enact Child Access Prevention Laws to ensure safe storage of firearms

2. Enact Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO) to empower families, household members, or law enforcement officers to ask a judge to temporarily remove a person’s access to firearms who is found to be at imminent risk of using them to harm themselves or others

3. Close loopholes in the background check system that enable many domestic violence offenders to obtain firearms and specifically require all gun sales, including private or gun shows, must have a background check; and, be it further

Resolved, that TMA actively develop and support evidenced-based policy endorsing a public health approach to fire-arm related violence and the prevention of firearms injury and death.

Sunset: 2026
RESOLVED. That the Tennessee Medical Association supports access to Medicaid and maintenance of high quality standards, regardless of future changes in healthcare financing.

Sunset: 2026
ADOPTED AS AMENDED MAY 18, 2019

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May 18, 2019

Resolution No. 18-19

INTRODUCED BY: NEWT ALLEN, MD, CHAIR
IMPACT COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: THE FUTURE OF IMPACT

RESOLVED, That all members of the Tennessee Medical Association Board of Trustees who are more than five years post training be encouraged to be Independent Medicine’s Political Action Committee-TN (IMPACT) Capitol Hill Club Members; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all TMA physicians who are more than five years post training and who serve in a leadership role including but not limited to TMA committees, TMA’s Delegation to the American Medical Association, and TMA Judicial Council be at a minimum an IMPACT Sustaining Members; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the TMA Board of Trustees will work with the IMPACT Committee to study the viability of IMPACT and submit a plan on how to increase funding levels and report back to the House of Delegates at this meeting in 2020.

Sunset: 2026
Resolution No. 19-19

INTRODUCED BY:  SANJANA SALWI, STUDENT DELEGATE  NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

SUBJECT:  ENCOURAGE RECOVERY HOMES TO IMPLEMENT EVIDENCE BASED POLICIES REGARDING ACCESS TO MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER

RESOLVED.  That Tennessee Medical Association urges policy changes at recovery homes to allow patients to remain on Medication Assisted Treatment as prescribed by a provider, including buprenorphine/naloxone combinations, without restrictions or mandatory tapering of doses.

Sunset: 2026
ADOPTED MAY 18, 2019

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Resolution No. 20-19

INTRODUCED BY:  GEORGE WOODBURY, MD, DELEGATE
                 THE MEMPHIS MEDICAL SOCIETY

SUBJECT:  STEP THERAPY REFORM: TENNESSEE

RESOLVED, That TMA seek state legislation requiring that when health insurance entities and pharmacy benefit managers develop step therapy protocols, they:
1. Are based on established clinical guidelines or peer reviewed and evidence-based criteria developed by independent experts with knowledge of the condition or conditions under consideration;
2. Include timelines for granting or denying submissions on step therapy protocol that are no longer than 72 hours for non-urgent and 24 hours for urgent cases, if not granted within allotted time it is deemed granted; and
3. Grant patients exemptions from step therapy protocols for one or more of the following reasons:
   a) The required prescription drug is contraindicated or will likely cause an adverse reaction by or physical or mental harm to the patient;
   b) The required prescription drug is expected to be ineffective based on the known clinical characteristics of the patient and the known characteristics of the prescription drug regimen;
   c) The patient has tried the required prescription drug while under their current or a previous health insurance or health benefit plan, or another prescription drug in the same pharmacologic class or with the same mechanism of action and such prescription drug was discontinued due to lack of efficacy or effectiveness, diminished effect, or an adverse event;
   d) The required prescription drug is not in the best interest of the patient, based on medical necessity;
   e) The patient is stable on a prescription drug selected by their health care provider for the medical condition under consideration while on a current or previous health insurance or health benefit plan. And be it further
RESOLVED, That such state legislation require health insurance entities to provide a reasonable process that includes independent reviewers to appeal any decision to deny a step therapy protocol override.

Sunset: 2026
ADOPTED MAY 18, 2019

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

May 18, 2019

Resolution No. 21-19

INTRODUCED BY: DANIEL PEREIRA, DELEGATE
MEDICAL STUDENT SECTION

SUBJECT: TMA FUNDING FOR MEDICAL STUDENT CHAPTERS

RESOLVED, That the TMA continue to allocate $2,000 annually in the TMA budget to every component medical society for each active medical student chapter within their region, and that said monies be used at the discretion of the chapter leadership for campus events and conference representation with continuing and careful partnership with respective component societies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That active medical student chapters be defined as any chapter with the equivalent of a Chair or President and a Delegate and that holds at least one annual event on campus a year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That student delegates interested in attending state, regional, or national conferences begin by gaining approval from their respective medical school chapter leadership in conjunction with component medical societies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That medical student chapters be made aware of the stewardship of these funds and encouraged to work in lockstep with their component medical societies as to the effective usage of these funds for the benefit of the medical student chapters.

Sunset: 2026
INTRODUCED BY: NITA SHUMAKER, MD, EX-OFFICIO DELEGATE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO BAN THE SALE OF FLAVORED VAPE PRODUCTS IN TENNESSEE

RESOLVED. That the Tennessee Medical Association advocate to the General Assembly that sales of flavored or menthol flavored vape products be banned in the state of Tennessee.
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May 18, 2019

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

INTRODUCED BY: TMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PETER J. SWARR, MD, CHAIR

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION FOR DAVID G. GERKIN, MD

Whereas, The TMA Board of Trustees in 2018 took actions that led to the transition of the *Tennessee Medicine* magazine to a different format to support the TMA strategic plan and long-term vision; and

Whereas, TMA cannot cease magazine publication without appropriately and graciously acknowledging the many contributions of Dr. David Gerkin, who has served as Editor for the past 18 years; and

Whereas, Under his guidance and direction, TMA produced more than 170 editions of the magazine, from a monthly editorial and scientific abstract journal to more recent editorial-only issues on a quarterly basis, each with a circulation of more than 8,000 Tennessee physicians and other readers; and

Whereas, Dr. Gerkin, while leading an editorial board of volunteer member physicians and collaborating with TMA staff and third-party resources in the production of each magazine, has edited hundreds of articles, editorials and scientific abstracts on behalf of TMA; and

Whereas, He has faithfully attended nearly every Board meeting and Annual meeting for almost three decades, actively participating in the work of the organization and reporting on status of the magazine, in addition to his many other professional and civic engagements; and

Whereas, Dr. Gerkin spent the majority of his career practicing at University Eye Surgeons in Knoxville and served in numerous leadership capacities with the Knoxville Academy of Medicine, beginning as a Board member in 1983, Secretary in 1984 and President in 1985; and

Whereas, His state-level involvement includes service on the Board of the Tennessee Academy of Ophthalmology, nine years on the TMA Board of Trustees including stints as Chair and Vice Chair, TMA President in 1998-99, Chair of
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DAVID GERKIN, MD

the TMA Futures Task Force, Tennessee Medical Foundation Board of Trustees, President of IMPACT, TMA Constitution & Bylaws Committee, and the Special Committee on Resolutions at the TMA House of Delegates; and

Whereas, Dr. Gerkin received the TMA Outstanding Physician Award in 2001 and the Ambulatory Surgery Center Medical Director of the Year Award in 2005 from Modern Physician and the American Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers for his work at Tennessee Valley Eye Center; and

Whereas, Dr. Gerkin has been actively involved in local, state and national community service projects such as the Physicians Medical Education & Research Foundation, Interfaith Health Clinic, Remote Area Medical, East Tennessee Eye Bank, and the National Eye Care Project for Tennessee; and

Whereas, He retired in 1999 from a lengthy military service career, including serving as Lieutenant Colonel for the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era from 1963 through 1971, as a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, Brigadier General and Surgeon General in the Tennessee State Guard; Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association and this House of Delegates officially expresses its appreciation for and gratitude to Dr. David G. Gerkin of Knoxville for his 18 years as Editor of Tennessee Medicine magazine and the Journal of the Tennessee Medical Association and for his many contributions to and leadership within the medical community at the local, state and national levels; And be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable memento duly inscribed to signify our sentiments be presented to Dr. Gerkin.

Sunset: 2026
Fiscal Note: None