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WHEREAS, family physicians have been an integral part of the hospital settings for patient care and for training family medicine residents; and

WHEREAS, family physicians are the advocates for their patients in both the out-patient and hospital settings; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that some family physicians admit and care for patients in the hospital settings, hospitalists are more frequently being used, diminishing the influence of family physicians in the community hospital settings; and

WHEREAS, not having a Department of Family Medicine in a hospital setting will diminish educational opportunities and interaction with family medicine residents; and

WHEREAS, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) was formed, in part, to preserve the role of family physicians in hospital settings; now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) affirms that the family medicine department is an integral part of all hospitals in regard to education and the provision of continuity of patient care from the in-patient to out-patient settings; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, that the family medicine hospital staff should remain an integral part of the medical staff structure and have an opportunity to maintain a seat on the Hospital Medical Executive Committee, particularly in hospitals that have family medicine residency programs.

ACTION: Amended and Approved.