

1 **RESOLUTION NO. *** (Ohio A)**

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3 **Contraception Coverage as Part of Minimum Benefits Package**

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5 Introduced by the Ohio Chapter

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7 Referred to the Reference Committee on ***

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10 WHEREAS, Ensuring access to affordable or no-cost family planning services is a cost-
11 effective public health strategy to address the economic and public health impact of
12 unintended pregnancy, and

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14 WHEREAS, the estimated cost of one Medicaid-covered birth in the U.S. was \$12,613 in
15 2008, compared to \$257 for the per-client annual cost for contraceptive care, and

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17 WHEREAS, in 2010, the total public expenditure on unintended pregnancies nationally was
18 an estimated \$21 billion, and

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20 WHEREAS, long-acting reversible contraception has been shown to reduce unintended and
21 teen pregnancy rates, and

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23 WHEREAS, the negative consequences of unintended pregnancy include delays in initiating
24 prenatal care, increased risk of maternal depression, increased risk of physical violence
25 during pregnancy, low birth weight infants, and infant mortality, and

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27 WHEREAS, access to affordable family planning services contributes to improved health
28 outcomes for infants, children, women, and families and allows people to achieve desired
29 birth spacing and family size, and

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31 WHEREAS, Healthy People 2020 aims to “improve pregnancy planning and spacing and
32 prevent unintended pregnancy” and states that “family planning is one of the ten great public
33 health achievements of the 20th century, now, therefore, be it

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35 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support ensuring coverage
36 of all Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and products as
37 well as voluntary sterilization procedures by private and public entities as part of a minimum
38 benefits plan.

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