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ENDORSEMENT OF EFFORTS ADDRESSING THE OPIOID HEALTH CRISIS HOD P06-18-19-16 [Initial: HOD P06-16-14-14; Formerly Titled: Endorsement of National Efforts Addressing the Opioid Health Crisis]

Whereas, In 2016 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the White House declared that inappropriate opioid use has led to an epidemic of misuse, abuse, and even death among thousands of Americans;

Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the White House initiated efforts to address this health crisis, including a call for nondrug alternatives for the management of pain;

Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recognized physical therapist services as preferred and cost effective in management of chronic pain; and,

Whereas, many state and local governments and agencies have initiatives aimed at reducing the use of opioids;

Resolved, That The American Physical Therapy Association endorses the national efforts by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the White House, and supports components that participate in state and local initiatives to address opioid abuse and dependence and to recognize physical therapist services as an effective nondrug alternative for addressing pain.

Explanation of Reference Numbers:

HOD P00-00-00-00 stands for House of Delegates/month/year/page/vote in the House of Delegates minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, HOD P06-17-05-04 means that this position can be found in the June 2017 House of Delegates minutes on Page 5 and that it was Vote 4.

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