“Resolved” Clause Structure for MAFP COD Resolutions

Each ‘Resolved’ clause must be semantically and logically complete and independent from any ‘Whereas’ clause, as only the ‘Resolved’ clauses survive to guide action or policy after passage by the COD.

Each ‘Resolved’ clause must direct action or policy of MAFP, its board, lobbyists, commissions, AAFP delegates, MAFP delegate or staff. Thus “Resolved” clauses that request action by the legislature, regulators, insurers, or any other body not in control of the Congress, are out of order.

“Resolved that the speed limit in Biloxi should be...” is out of order. “Resolved that the Mississippi Legislature should allow Biloxi to set its own speed limit” is out of order. “Resolved that MAFP should advocate for a reduction in the Biloxi speed limit to...” is the proper form. This “Resolved” clause can declare a general MAFP intent to advocate to whatever body is appropriate, or can be more prescriptive, such as advocating for the Mississippi Legislature to allow independent action by the Mississippi state government.