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**Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians
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RESOLUTION NO 1.

ABFM Misinformation Disinformation Policies

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1 **WHEREAS**, the LAFP supports a physician’s ability to speak freely without retribution; and

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3 **WHEREAS**, the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) has adopted Professionalism
4 Guidelines policies effective September 22, 2022, that call for sanctioning physicians that
5 allegedly spread “misinformation” or “disinformation”; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the ABFM has decertified family medicine physicians for allegedly spreading
8 “misinformation” or “disinformation”; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2024 the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit ruled in favor of the
11 First Amendment establishing the right to object in court to censorship of physicians’ speech on
12 topics ranging from government Covid policies to abortion; therefore be it

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14 **RESOLVED**, that the LAFP adopt a policy stating that physicians have a protected First
15 Amendment right to free speech; and further be it

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17 **RESOLVED**, that the LAFP oppose any action by the ABFM to censor, discipline or decertify
18 physicians based on the ABFM disagreeing with the opinion of that physician; and further be it

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20 **RESOLVED**, that the LAFP opposes the ABFM Professionalism Committee from determining what
21 is information communicated by any physician is false, inaccurate, misleading, misinformation or
22 disinformation.