WHEREAS, it is clear that the U.S. population is aging and that there is a huge need for providers caring for seniors in our country, especially the most vulnerable patients in this population who receive skilled nursing services and long-term care in nursing facilities;

AND WHEREAS, most primary care physicians do not receive proper undergraduate or graduate medical training in the setting of post-acute care and long-term care in the U.S; and AMDA HOD passed a resolution in 2015 seeking such training for medical students, residents and fellows in primary care specialties;

AND WHEREAS, the practice of medicine in post-acute and long-term care is unique and challenging due to limited resources, unique population of patients, and numerous regulations;

AND WHEREAS, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education does not approve mandatory training in any field of Medicine unless it is a specialty recognized by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and American Boards of Medical Specialties.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that AMDA-The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine initiate efforts and work with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the American Boards of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or equivalent Board-certifying bodies to seek full recognition of post-acute and long-term care medicine as a unique medical specialty.

FISCAL NOTE: High. The work needed to establish an ABMS specialty is significant and lengthy.

RESOLUTION RESULTS: <FOR AMDA OFFICE ONLY>