

WHEREAS the life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and one person in eight across the North do not have access to a family doctor, and this represents the failure of health care in Northern Ontario,

AND these Northern Ontario communities advocate for equitable health care, especially for underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities in Northern Ontario,

AND finding ways to encourage more physicians and health care professionals to stay and work in Northern communities is contributing to the crisis for citizens in the North,

AND although highly successful at providing doctors for northern Ontario the Northern School of Medicine (NOSM) has fewer health care professionals' spots than the rest of Ontario medical schools and it would take at minimum, five NOSM graduating classes at sixty-four physicians per year to address the current shortage,

THEREFORE, with the announcement of NOSM becoming a free-standing University, the \_\_\_\_\_ *municipality* \_\_\_\_\_ wishes to strongly request that the Provincial Government and the Ontario Medical Association immediately expand NOSM's capacity to meet the needs of Northern Ontario, with added MD positions, Residency positions (PGY 1, 3 and 4) and clinical teaching funding to the Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association;

AND FURTHER THAT, a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliott, their Deputy Ministers \_\_\_\_\_ *local MPP* \_\_\_\_\_, AMO, OMA, NOSM, FONOM, NOAMA and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties

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