INTRODUCED BY:  Board of Trustees

SUBJECT:  Powdered Alcohol

Whereas, that the United States Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau has approved the distribution of powdered alcohol; and

Whereas, powdered alcohol is easy to conceal, misuse, and abuse, especially by youth, which can then lead to poisoning, motor vehicle accidents, and death; and

Whereas, five states have banned powdered alcohol and another twenty-two are proposing bans on powdered alcohol; and

Whereas, the Baltimore City Health Department has issued a statement urging the Maryland General Assembly to ban the sale of powdered alcohol; and

Whereas, MedChi’s Board of Trustees voted to support the health department’s call for a ban on the sale of powdered alcohol, and MedChi leaders participated in media relations calling for legislative action against the sale of powdered alcohol; therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi adopt as policy a position against the sale of powdered alcohol in Maryland.

As approved by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 25, 2015.