OHIO ST	TATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES
	Resolution No. 36 – 2024
Introduced by:	Medical Student Section
Subject:	Support for Environmental Justice Initiatives
Referred to:	Resolutions Committee No. 2
Agency (EPA) as t about the developr	, environmental justice is defined by the Environmental Protection he equal treatment and involvement of all people in decision-making ment, implementation, and enforcement of environmental law and of race, color, national origin, or income ¹ ; and
other environmental land and resource	, environmental injustice is the increased exposure to pollution and al health risks, limited access to environmental services, and loss of rights that are disproportionately experienced by low-income communities of color ² ; and
communities of col	, due to historic redlining and other racist housing policies, for are often located near heavily polluted areas, with Black people 75 a to live near facilities that produce hazardous waste ⁵ ; and
	, concentrations of known toxic and carcinogenic metals are nearly 10 ially segregated communities ⁶ ; and
	, Black, Hispanic, and Native American people experience higher ealth impacts with extreme heat events and temperature fluctuations ounterparts ⁷ ; and
	, according to the 2021 Health Value Dashboard, Ohio is ranked 43rd d D.C. on environmental metrics related to air quality, water quality, we exposure ³ ; and
Institute ranked Oh	, in an environmental justice policy scorecard, the Northeast-Midwest nio as one of the lowest states in the Midwest due to its lack of ronmental justice ⁴ ; and
has an Office of the	, Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy e Environmental Justice Public Advocate with its own funding and ted to advancing environmental justice in the state ⁸ ; and

46 47 48 49		WHEREAS , the Biden-Harris Administration granted \$2 million in funding for <i>v</i> ironmental justice projects in Ohio through the U.S. EPA's Environmental Justice Ilaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreement ⁹ ; and		
50 51 52 53 54	en	WHEREAS , Ohio House Bill 429, a bill introduced in the 2022 legislative session Representatives Casey Weinstein and Stephanie Howse, sought to launch <i>v</i> ironmental justice programs and build clean energy policy that recognizes equity for torically marginalized communities, but it failed in committee ¹⁰ ; and		
55		WHEREAS, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Kenneth L.		
56	Ра	rker, established a new environmental justice initiative for the district in October 2022		
57 58 59	to (enforce environmental laws and prosecute violations leading to discriminatory vironmental and health impacts ¹¹ ; and		
60		WHEREAS, the AMA has policies recognizing the harmful impacts to health that		
61	en	vironmental pollution and destruction may have and supports the development of		
62	environmental committees as well as programs to combat racism (H-65.952; H-135.			
63	931; H-135.932; H 135.973; H-135.969; 135-997); and			
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65	WHEREAS, the OSMA "encourages the development of policy to combat climate			
66		ange and its health effects in Ohio and to mitigate the undesirable environmental		
67 67	COI	nditions that damage Ohioans' health" (Policy 27 – 2022); and therefore		
68 69		BE IT RESOLVED , that the OSMA encourages state action to address and		
70	remediate environmental injustice and other environmental conditions adversely			
71	impacting health in marginalized communities.			
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118		Housing
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123	05	MA Policy:
124 125	Ρο	licy 27 – 2022 – Recognition of Climate Change as a Threat to Ohio's Health
126		The OSMA encourages the development of policy to combat climate change and its health
127		ects in Ohio and to mitigate the undesirable environmental conditions that damage Ohioans'
128		alth.
129	2. 7	The OSMA encourages education of the broader Ohio medical community to the serious
130	ad۱	verse health effects of climate change and local conditions of climate variation.
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132 **Policy 09 – 2019 – Impact of Climate Change on Human Health**

- 133 1. That the Ohio State Medical Association supports efforts at the state level for expansion of
- renewable sources of energy.

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