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WHEREAS, chronic, non-communicable diseases— such as heart disease, arthritis, COPD, asthma, depression, diabetes, and obesity – are the leading causes of death and disability in America; and

WHEREAS, one-third of Americans today suffer from multiple chronic conditions;¹ and

WHEREAS, too many working families throughout the country have seen their lives and livelihoods cut short due to chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, chronic conditions are one of the primary drivers of rising healthcare costs in America; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 percent of the nation’s annual health expenditures are for people with chronic conditions;² and

WHEREAS, chronic conditions impact working men and women’s ability to remain in the workforce; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the union and industry trustees of the Pharmaceutical Industry Labor-Management Association (PILMA) support access to quality healthcare for all Americans, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the trade union and company trustees of PILMA support policy solutions that address the chronic disease burden on all Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PILMA calls on policymakers to improve access to screening and treatment of chronic diseases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PILMA will advocate for the inclusion and coverage of medicines that treat chronic illness on payer formularies and in public payer programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

¹ Boersma P, Black LI, Ward BW. [Prevalence of Multiple Chronic Conditions Among US Adults, 2018](#). *Preventing Chronic Disease*. September 17, 2020.

² National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [Health and Economic Costs of Chronic Diseases](#). Last updated March 23, 2023.