



# Resolution

## Honoring Andrés Pagán Figueroa, OD, MPH, as he retires from the ASCO Board of Directors and as Dean of Inter American University of Puerto Rico (IAUPR) School of Optometry

**Whereas**, Dr. Andrés Pagán, Dean of Inter American University of Puerto Rico (IAUPR) School of Optometry from December 2007 until 2025, has worked passionately and tirelessly to advance the profession of optometry through optometric education in Puerto Rico; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Pagán exhibited outstanding vision and leadership as an IAUPR optometry student, faculty member, Director of the Contact Lens Department, Director of the Patient Care Department, and Dean of Academic Affairs and Student Service prior to becoming Dean; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Pagán has dedicated his career to teaching and lecturing internationally on the intersection of optometry and public health, contact lenses, and optometric fundamentals in countries including Mexico, Spain, Venezuela, and Colombia; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Pagán had significant impact on IAUPR through restructuring of leadership, growth of the Inter American Eye Institute, and support for the 112-bed dormitory on the Bayamón campus; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Pagán had presented six legislative testimonies in Puerto Rico's legislature supporting bills to authorize optometrists to prescribe medications for the treatment and management of eye diseases, including Senate Bills 1088, 99, 2634, and 1040; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Pagán has been recognized for his outstanding service in leadership positions in professional and optometric organizations, including the ASCO International Optometric Committee, the IAUPR Institutional Review Board (IRB), Executive Director of the Latin American Association of School and

Faculties of Optometry, and humanitarian organizations in the Dominican Republic; and therefore be it

**Resolved**, that ASCO and its members earnestly thank Dr. Pagán for his collegiality, contributions to optometry, optometric education and ASCO; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the ASCO family extends its very best wishes to Dr. Pagán upon his retirement with the sincere hope for much happiness and good health in the many years ahead.