ASCO ASSOCIATION *of* SCHOOLS *and* COLLEGES *of* OPTOMETRY

Resolution

CONGRATULATING THE MICHIGAN COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Whereas, 2026 marks 50 years since the founding of the Michigan College of Optometry (MCO) at Ferris State University, which opened in the summer of 1975 to address a critical shortage of optometrists in the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, since its inception, the Michigan College of Optometry has grown from a single-room program into a comprehensive educational institution providing outstanding academic and clinical training; and

Whereas, for five decades, MCO has served as the primary pipeline of optometrists for the state of Michigan, recruiting students from all 83 counties and preparing graduates who deliver care in communities both large and small; and

Whereas, the Michigan College of Optometry has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to expanding access to vision care through its University Eye Center and outreach initiatives such as Students in Need of Eyecare, as well as partnerships in underserved communities including Flint and Detroit; and

Whereas, MCO has established a strong tradition of academic and clinical excellence, with graduates who contribute significantly to the profession of optometry and to the health and well-being of patients throughout Michigan and beyond; and

Whereas, the College continues to advance the profession through innovation in clinical care, research, and education, while maintaining a steadfast commitment to patient-centered care as it looks toward the future of optometry; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry formally recognize the Michigan College of Optometry's administrators, faculty, staff, students, and alumni for their outstanding contributions to optometric education and vision care; and, be it further

Resolved, that the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry extend its sincere congratulations and best wishes to the Michigan College of Optometry on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, celebrating a legacy of excellence and a future of continued leadership in optometry.