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

Resolution

Honoring Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, as she completes service on the ASCO Board of Directors and as Dean of the Ohio State University College of Optometry

Whereas, Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, Dean of the Ohio State University College of Optometry and Glenn A. Fry Professor of Optometry and Physiological Optics, has been an outstanding leader in optometric education and research, the optometric profession, and in public health throughout her more than four-decade career; and

Whereas, Optometric and graduate education, clinical research, and the profession have benefitted enormously from Dr. Zadnik's expertise, diplomacy, and leadership as Dean of the Ohio State University College of Optometry from 2014-2023 and 2025-2026, as Interim Dean at the Ohio State University College of Public Health from 2023-2026, and as Interim Executive Vice President and Provost at the Ohio State University from 2024-2025; and

Whereas, Dr. Zadnik's dedication to, and impact on, organized optometry has been extraordinary through significant roles in multiple organizations such as President of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, President of the American Academy of Optometry, President of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry, President of the UC Berkeley School of Optometry Alumni Association, and Vice President of the NAEVR/AEVR Boards of Directors; and

Whereas, Dr. Zadnik has authored more than 200 peer reviewed papers and book chapters and has served as Primary Investigator of landmark research studies such as CLEK and CLEER, which have changed optometric practice patterns and resulted in enhanced patient care; and

Whereas, Dr. Zadnik has been recognized at the highest level as an inductee into the National Optometry Hall of Fame (2014), the American Academy Hall of Fame (2022), and the University of California, Berkeley School of Optometry Hall of Fame (2023), and has been recognized with important awards such as the AAO Prentice medal (2020) and the ASCO Lifetime Achievement Award (2024); now, therefore be it

Resolved, that ASCO and its members earnestly thank Dr. Karla Zadnik for her exemplary leadership and her significant contributions to optometric research, education, and ASCO; and, be it further

Resolved, that the ASCO family extends its very best wishes to Dr. Zadnik upon the completion of her leadership roles at the Ohio State University and in ASCO, with the sincere hope for much happiness and good health in the many years ahead.