MEDICAL STANDARDS FOR REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT (RPA)* OPERATORS

Resolution: Medical Standards for Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Operators,

WHEREAS: Operators of military RPAs are considered aircrew,

WHEREAS: Medical standards are not well defined or do not exist for RPA operators,

WHEREAS: RPA operations are increasing worldwide, and

WHEREAS: Risks to safety from RPA operations are increased if operators do not meet aeromedical standards,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Aerospace Medical Association strongly recommends that Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) operators meet aeromedical standards determined by aeromedical specialists for the purpose of risk mitigation.

*The term RPA is used synonymously with other titles including unmanned aerial vehicles, unmanned combat aerial vehicles, and unmanned aerial systems.