RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges Congress and the United States Department of Education to collect data and prepare a report on: (1) how racism, poverty, and living in high crime communities psychologically impacts youth; and (2) the quality of in-school mental health services that are provided to youth experiencing mental health problems as a result of these stressors;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments and school districts to appropriate and allocate funds to in-school mental health services to identify and address mental health conditions related to racism, poverty, and living in high crime communities; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges local governments, school districts, boards, and commissions to review mental health policies and practices in schools to ensure that the mental health needs of youth living in poverty or high crime communities or experiencing race-based mental health illness are appropriately addressed.