



## **2026 Resolution #1**

### **Congratulating the National Board of Examiners in Optometry on their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Submitted by: ARBO Board of Directors

**WHEREAS**, the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO), was established in 1951 by the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) with the participation of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) with the foundational mandate to develop, administer, maintain, and report results of psychometrically valid examinations that assess the entry-level competence of optometric practitioners to practice optometry for governmental licensing authorities, including the ARBO Member Boards; and

**WHEREAS**, for three-quarters of a century, the NBEO Examinations have served as the gold standard for governmental licensing authorities and ARBO Member Boards in ensuring that only qualified individuals are granted a license to practice optometry; and

**WHEREAS**, the NBEO has proactively evolved alongside the optometric profession, developing sophisticated examinations to measure both advanced competence and continuing clinical proficiency, providing ARBO's Member Boards with the tools necessary for lifelong professional oversight; and

**WHEREAS**, the NBEO has consistently pursued a mission centered on the protection of the public through rigorous, evidence-based competency evaluation; and

**WHEREAS**, the NBEO has maintained an unwavering commitment to excellence in testing, ensuring the integrity, reliability, and validity of the licensure process for the optometric community; and

**WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the 75th Anniversary of the NBEO's dedicated service and steadfast partnership with ARBO and its Member Boards; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that ARBO formally extends its highest commendations and heartfelt congratulations to the NBEO on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary; and be it

**RESOLVED**, that ARBO expresses its profound gratitude for the NBEO's sustained commitment to the safety and welfare of the public and its invaluable service to ARBO and its Member Boards; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry offers its best wishes for the NBEO's continued success, innovation, and leadership in the field of professional competence assessment for many decades to come.