Resolution on Death with Dignity
Proposed by the Northern Virginia Ethical Society

The NOVES Board recently approved a resolution to support Virginia Compassion and Choices as they submit legislation for consideration at the next session of the state legislature. We would like to propose that this support be expressed by other AEU member Societies. Therefore, we propose the following resolution for consideration at the Assembly in Aug. 2020.

WHEREAS:
The American Ethical Union urges its member Societies and affiliates and their members to write to their representatives in their state legislatures asking that they enact legislation, similar to the Oregon Death with Dignity Act. Such legislation would allow terminally ill, mentally competent adult state residents legally to obtain a prescription from their physician for medications to end their life peacefully, in a dignified way, at the place and time of their choosing. Such legislation would permit qualified terminally ill patients to choose to end needless suffering by advancing the time of their approaching death. It would also provide peace of mind for many residents in having access to the option of aid in dying, even if they do not exercise that option.