

RES03-D

**TOPIC: IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES
FUNDING OR MANDATORY REIMBURSEMENTS TO
DISTRESSED HOSPITALS THAT ARE ON THE BRINK OF
CLOSING**

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1 WHEREAS, “there has been a net drop of 486 hospitals nationwide, or 9% since
2 1987” according to an annual report issued by the Office of the
3 Inspector General on April 4, 2002(1); and

4 WHEREAS, “the rate of Medicaid, the insurance system for the poor, elderly
5 and disabled, is down to about 71 cents on the dollar; a loss of
6 about \$200 million a year for hospitals, officials say. Critics say
7 the rate should be at least 85 cents”(2); and

8 WHEREAS, “according to American Hospital Association, in 1998 27% of
9 hospitals were losing money, an increase of 20% from the year
10 before. The decrease in revenue from insurer and the declining
11 amount of time patients spend in the hospital has left many
12 struggling. The obvious outcome is with fewer hospitals and
13 fewer ER’s, the remaining hospitals are becoming busier” (3);

and

14 WHEREAS, “without the federal funds, many providers of last resort for people
15 who can’t afford to see a doctor will be forced to close, predicted
16 an Institute of Medicine report on the nation’s health ‘safety

17 net”(4); and

18 WHEREAS, “hospital closures and mergers have slashed the number of

19 inpatient beds, leading to ER backups and eventually diversions”

20 (5); therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, that California Nursing Students’ Association (CNSA) encourage

22 its members and constituents to voice their support for local, state,

and federal legislation initiatives created to provide funds and/ or

mandate reimbursements to

23 distressed hospitals so that they may remain open and fully

24 functional; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, that CNSA encourage its constituents to support initiatives

26 providing funds and/or mandating reimbursements to distressed

27 hospitals so that they may remain open and fully functional; and be

28 it further

29 RESOLVED, that CNSA print articles in *Range of Motion* regarding this

30 resolution and/or on the CNSA website (www.cnsa.org) and any

31 other media deemed appropriate by the CNSA Board of Directors,

32 if feasible; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, that the CNSA send a copy of this resolution to the American

34 Nurses Association, the National League for Nursing, the

35 American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the National

36 Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, the American Public

37 Health Association, the American Medical Association, the

38 American Hospital Association, JACHO, the Governor of
California, Gray
39 Davis, the Office of the Attorney General of California, the Office
40 of the Inspector General of the United States, The President of
the
41 United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Senate
42 President Pro Tempore, the Speaker of the U.S. House of
43 Representatives and any other organizations deemed appropriate
by
44 the CNSA Board of Directors.