

TOPIC: INCREASE STUDENT NURSE AWARENESS OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR ROLE IN HEALTH POLICY ADVOCACY

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WHEREAS, The National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) House of Delegates 2018 adopted the resolution, "In Support of Coordinated Health Policy Advocacy Opportunities for Nursing Students"; and

WHEREAS, The nursing profession's aim is to improve the health of all people (Halstead, 2018, p.113); and

WHEREAS, Nurses make up the largest number of healthcare workers in the United States, therefore they have the potential to create a significant impact in healthcare reform (Halstead, 2018, p.115); and

WHEREAS, Historically, nurses' voices have not been properly represented in these important conversations regarding health policy (Halstead, 2018, p.115); and

WHEREAS, Professional nursing organizations have been established to collectively advocate for nurses, and publicly represent the core values of the nursing profession (Halstead, 2018, p.108); and

WHEREAS, Nurses who are participating members of professional organizations are well prepared to develop policy ideas, set professional standards, and advocate for health policies that improve access to high-quality healthcare services (Waddell, 2018, p. 125); and

WHEREAS, Student awareness and participation in professional nursing organizations serve as a means to become more involved in health policy (Thomas, 2019, p. 19); and

WHEREAS, There is an apparent correlation between nursing students who feel they belong in nursing, and participation in professional organizations, demonstrating the importance of the value of nursing for both students and professional organizations (Kruse, 2020, p.233); therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the NSNA promote and advocate the importance in building awareness of professional nursing organizations and their role in health policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the NSNA invite professional nursing organization representatives, and health policy experts to speak at sessions at the NSNA Annual Convention and Midyear Conference, webinars, and membership meetings if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the NSNA publish an article in *Imprint* on the importance of nurse involvement and membership in professional nursing organizations if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the NSNA send a copy of this resolution to the American Nurses Association, National Nurses United, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, American Organization of Nursing Leadership, National League for Nursing, American Academy of

Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, American Association of Critical Care Nursing, Academy of Neonatal Nursing, Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses, American Psychiatric Nurses Association, Society of Pediatric Nurses, Society of Pediatric Nurses, and all others deemed appropriate by the NSNA Board of Directors.