TOPIC: **IN SUPPORT OF AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF ELDER ABUSE**

SUBMITTED BY: **University of South Carolina Student Nurses' Association**

WHEREAS, in 2006 the total number of people age 65 and older was projected to increase 60 percent over fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, nearly 13 percent of aged citizens have suffered some form of abuse; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 5.9 per 1000 older adults are subject to some form of abuse; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one in three nursing homes are cited for abuse; and

WHEREAS, the leading causes for elder abuse in nursing homes have been shown as inadequate staffing, poorly trained and low paid employees, and inadequate patient care; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) encourage its constituents to support awareness and prevention of elder abuse; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA encourage its constituents to support an increase in staffing, educational requirements, and salaries for staff working with the elderly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA advocate for a zero-tolerance policy to be implemented by all healthcare facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA support awareness and prevention of elder abuse through published articles in *Imprint*, if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA provide a copy of this resolution to the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, the American Nurses Association, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the National League for Nursing, the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, the National Center on Elder Abuse, and any other organizations deemed appropriate by the NSNA Board of Directors.