

TOPIC: IN SUPPORT OF LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR PAID HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL DURING A DECLARED DISASTER OR STATE OF EMERGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: Arkansas Nursing Student's Association

WHEREAS, the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) has supported disaster relief efforts through resolutions in the House of Delegates every year since 2001; and
 WHEREAS, there have been 551 declared disasters nationwide between 1999 and 2008; and
 WHEREAS, Louisiana has recently passed legislation protecting on-duty, employed health care personnel during declared disasters which specifies employees are not held liable for any civil damages or injuries unless caused by gross negligence or misconduct; and
 WHEREAS, most states have Good Samaritan laws that only protect healthcare professionals from liability when volunteering or offering assistance outside their scope of employment; therefore be it
 RESOLVED, that the NSNA encourage its constituents to advocate for liability protection for paid healthcare personnel during declared disasters or states of emergency; and be it further
 RESOLVED, that the NSNA hold focus sessions at MidYear and Annual Conventions on the importance of liability protection for employed health care personnel during a declared disaster, if feasible; and be it further
 RESOLVED, that the NSNA send a copy of this resolution be sent to the American Nurses Association, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, the National League for Nursing, the American Medical Association, and all others deemed appropriate by the NSNA Board of Directors.