

TOPIC: IN SUPPORT OF HOSPITALS ADOPTING STANDARDIZED EMERGENCY CODES

SUBMITTED BY: California Nursing Students' Association

WHEREAS, an emergency code refers to specific phrases used in the hospital setting "to identify and respond to emergency situations"; the use of special code words announced . . . to communicate emergency situations is fairly standard in most American hospitals; and

WHEREAS, upon surveying their member hospitals, many state hospital associations have found a wide variety of emergency codes in use throughout their hospitals; and

WHEREAS, adopting code uniformity enables the numerous individuals who work across multiple facilities to respond appropriately to specific emergencies, enhancing their own safety, as well as the safety of patients and visitors; and

WHEREAS, thirty-four hospital associations in different states have made recommendations for standardized emergency codes; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) support adoption of standardized emergency codes, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA encourage its constituent members to write to their state and national legislators; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA provide programs at the MidYear Conference and Annual Convention, and publish articles in *Imprint* and on the NSNA website that inform current and potential nursing students, if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA send a copy of this resolution to the American Nurses Association, the National League for Nursing, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the American Holistic Nurses Association, the American Hospital Association, the American Organization of Nurse Executives, the American Public Health Association, the Food and Drug Administration, the Secretariat of the Joint Food and Agriculture Organization/World Health Organization Food Standards Programme, the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, the National Patient Safety Foundation, and any others deemed appropriate by the NSNA Board of Directors.