

TOPIC: IN SUPPORT OF ADVOCACY FOR NURSE HOME VISITS TO FIRST-TIME, LOW-INCOME CAREGIVERS

SUBMITTED BY: Brigham Young University Student Nurses' Association

WHEREAS, the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) Bylaws state as a purpose and function: to promote and encourage participation in community affairs and activities towards improved health care and the resolution of related social issues; and

WHEREAS, women with low incomes are at higher risk to have low-birth weight babies and less likely to participate in prenatal support programs than women with higher incomes; and

WHEREAS, Nurse-Family Partnership has implemented nurse home visitations aimed at improving maternal-child outcomes for first-time, low-income mothers; and

WHEREAS, the program includes utilizing public health nurses to conduct home visits over two-and-a-half years to promote maternal-child well being; and

WHEREAS, the program has seen positive outcomes such as improved prenatal health, fewer childhood injuries, improved school readiness, fewer subsequent pregnancies and increased intervals between births; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NSNA encourage its constituents to advocate for federal support of nurse home visits to first-time, low-income caregivers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA encourage its constituents to become involved and educated on public health nursing, and be advocates for nurse home visitation programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA publish articles in *Imprint* and on the NSNA website that educate current and potential nursing students about current legislation regarding Home Visitation Programs and pursuing public health nursing, 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 National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Child Life Council, the Society of Pediatric Nurses, and any others deemed appropriate by the NSNA Board of Directors.