

TOPIC: IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED AWARENESS OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AND POPULATION-BASED HEALTH INITIATIVES

SUBMITTED BY: Oregon Health and Sciences University Student Nurses Association

WHEREAS, public health is defined as the practice of preventing disease and promoting good health within groups of people, from small communities to entire countries ; and

WHEREAS, public health nursing is defined as the practice of promoting and protecting the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social, and public health sciences and is population-focused, with the goal of promoting health and preventing disease and disability for all people; and

WHEREAS, examples of population-based health initiatives include smoking cessation programs and laws, fluoridation of water, seat belt laws, and motorcycle helmet laws; and

WHEREAS, population-based interventions are effective at reaching vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, vulnerable populations refer to groups of people with increased risk for health-related problems such as higher morbidity and mortality rates, reduced access to care, and a diminished quality of life due to specific characteristics, and

WHEREAS, population-based initiatives have the potential for improving health and wellness and reducing risks in a population; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) encourage its constituents to advocate for increased awareness of public health nursing and population-based health initiatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA publish an article on this topic in *Imprint* magazine, if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA send a copy of this resolution to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the American Nurses Association, the American Public Health Association, the National Association for Public Health Policy, the National Association of County and City Health Officials, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the National League of Nursing, the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, and all others deemed appropriate by the NSNA Board of Directors.