

**TOPIC: IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING AWARENESS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**SUBMITTED BY: Oregon Student Nurses' Association Board of Directors**

WHEREAS, human trafficking is defined as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery; or sex trafficking in which a commercial sex is induced by force, fraud or coercion or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age , and is considered a violation of human rights; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State estimates 600,000-800,0000 people are trafficked across international borders annually, of which 14,500-17,500 people are trafficked into the United States; and

WHEREAS, vulnerable or disadvantaged populations are at increased risk for entrapment into human trafficking, and

WHEREAS, human trafficking results in complex health and social consequences and a significant risk for violence; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Nurses Association 2008 Human Trafficking Resolution, registered nurses represent an important role in identifying trafficking victims, and serve at the forefront of public health; and

WHEREAS, the *Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking* campaign is a collaborative multidisciplinary program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families working to raise awareness of human trafficking; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) demonstrate its commitment to increased human trafficking awareness by supporting the efforts of the *Rescue and Restore* Program, if feasible; 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 encourage its constituents to advocate for the inclusion of awareness of human trafficking into current nursing curricula; 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 National Federation of Nurses, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, the International Council of Nurses, the Emergency Nurses Association, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, and any others deemed appropriate by the NSNA Board of Directors.