

Resolution 2
Mississippi Nurses' Association
107th House of Delegates
Biloxi Convention Center
Biloxi, MS

Introduced by: **Sandra Arnold, MSN, RN, Board Secretary**
 on behalf of the MNA Board of Directors

RESOLUTION: **Support Nurses' Role in Increasing Awareness of the**
 Importance of Influenza Vaccination

WHEREAS, an annual seasonal flu vaccine is the best way to help protect against flu, and vaccination has been shown to have many benefits including reducing the risk of flu illnesses, hospitalizations, and even the risk of flu-related deaths in children¹; and

WHEREAS, everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season (recognizing there are few health conditions in which certain vaccines are contraindicated), and vaccination is particularly important for people who are at high risk of serious complications from influenza²; and

WHEREAS, vaccination has been associated with lower rates of some cardiac events among people with heart disease, especially among those who had had a cardiac event in the past year and flu vaccination also has been shown in separate studies to be associated with reduced hospitalizations among people with diabetes and chronic lung disease³; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) recommend that all U.S. health care workers get vaccinated annually against influenza⁴; and

WHEREAS, Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses are committed to the promotion of health and safety issues of the public; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the Mississippi Nurses' Association include working for the improvement of health standards (Article 1; Section 2.A.); and

WHEREAS, the functions of the Mississippi Nurses' Association include promoting, through appropriate means, standards of nursing practice, nursing education, and nursing service (Article 1, Section 3.A.).

The Mississippi Nurses' Association, THEREFORE, RESOLVES, to increase awareness of the role of nurses in educating patients on the importance of flu vaccination to combat the spread of influenza.

The Mississippi Nurses' Association, THEREFORE, RESOLVES, to increase awareness of the importance flu vaccination for nurses to combat the spread of influenza.

The Mississippi Nurses' Association, THEREFORE, RESOLVES, to increase awareness of the importance of flu vaccination, as appropriate, through publication of articles in the *MS RN*, information disseminated via email, and information disseminated during continuing education events. Such efforts demonstrate nurse advocacy for the health of all the people of the great state of Mississippi and beyond.

¹ "Key Facts About Seasonal Flu Vaccine." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm.

² "Vaccination: Who Should Do It, Who Should Not and Who Should Take Precautions." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/whoshouldvax.htm.

³ "Misconceptions about Seasonal Flu and Flu Vaccines." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/misconceptions.htm.

⁴ "Influenza Vaccination Information for Health Care Workers." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
www.cdc.gov/flu/healthcareworkers.htm.