

**Resolution 1**  
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**on behalf of the MNA Board of Directors**

**RESOLUTION: Support to Prevent Child Vehicular Heatstroke Deaths and Injuries**

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

WHEREAS, heatstroke in vehicles is the leading cause of all non-crash-related deaths involving children 14 and younger<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, children suffering heatstroke have the potential for long-term health complications; and

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

WHEREAS, the functions of the Mississippi Nurses' Association include representing nurses and serving as state spokesperson with allied professional, community, governmental groups and with the public (Article 1; Section 3.L.); and

WHEREAS, increasing efforts to promote awareness of the dangers of child vehicular heatstroke and injuries has the potential to minimize those dangers and negative consequences.

The Mississippi Nurses' Association, THEREFORE, RESOLVES, to support the State of Mississippi and our nation's efforts to stop needless child vehicular heatstroke deaths and injuries related to unattended children remaining in parked vehicles. Opportunities to educate and promote awareness of these risks will be taken by members of the Mississippi Nurses' Association. Such efforts demonstrate registered nurse advocacy for the health of all the children of the great state of Mississippi and beyond.

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<sup>1</sup> National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; <http://www.nhtsa.gov/PR/NHTSA-05-12>