

Resolution 3
Mississippi Nurses' Association
110th House of Delegates
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Introduced by: **Sandra Arnold, MSN, RN, Director, Council on Organizational Affairs, on behalf of the MNA Board of Directors**

RESOLUTION: **Recognize and Commend the Dedication, Professionalism, Sacrifice, and Leadership of Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

WHEREAS, there are over 56,000 licensed registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses¹ representing the largest group of healthcare professionals in Mississippi and working in a wide variety of nursing roles; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, nurses have endured and continue to face unprecedented challenges on both professional and personal levels; and

WHEREAS, nurses are committed to ensuring their patients' and nursing students' safety, and have made tremendous sacrifices during this pandemic to prioritize patient care, and support and safety of their nursing students; and

WHEREAS, nurses are steadfast in their bravery, self-sacrifice, and dedication to their patients, and have been ranked by the 2020 Gallup Poll as the most trusted professionals in America, with 89 percent of Americans ranking nurses as having "high" or "very high" levels of honesty and ethics; and

WHEREAS, nurses have demonstrated courageous leadership often with innovative solutions, and acted with professionalism and excellence to address the challenges at the patient's bedside as well as in academia; and

WHEREAS, nurses' personal sacrifices have included spending countless hours away from home, family, and friends to attend the needs of their patients and their constituents; and

WHEREAS, sadly, several nurses, many of whom working determinedly and at great personal risk, courageously providing healthcare to their patients, lost their lives to COVID; and

¹ Mississippi Board of Nursing (MBON). (2021). Licensure Statistics.
<https://gateway.licensure.msbn.ms.gov/licensurestatistics.aspx>

WHEREAS, the functions of the Mississippi Nurses' Association include providing leadership in nursing in the State².

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mississippi Nurses' Association recognizes and commends the vast dedication, professionalism, sacrifice, and leadership of all registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mississippi Nurses' Association honors those brave registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses who lost their lives to COVID and commits to paying tribute to their memory by continuing to promote nurses' professional development, and promote and protect the professional environment of nurses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mississippi Nurses' Association commits to continuing to increase awareness of the unwavering dedication, professionalism, leadership, and many sacrifices of registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses during the COVID-19 pandemic, as appropriate, through articles published in the *MS RN*, and information dissemination via electronic media, to state policy makers, and continuing education events.

² Mississippi Nurses Association (MNA). (2014). By laws: Article 1, Section 3.H. Madison, MS: Author.
<https://www.msnurses.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/MNA-Bylaws-Final-as-voted-on-at-2014-convention.pdf>