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AHNA Opposes the U.S.’s Withdrawal from the World Health Organization (WHO)

The American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) strongly opposes the action by President Trump’s Administration of withdrawing the United States from the World Health Organization (WHO).

Registered Nurses throughout the world are the largest category of health professionals and as such understand and appreciate the value of the WHO, its contributions to promoting health, tracking disease and engaging in active disease surveillance.

“Abdication of our expertise and contribution to the WHO, depreciates the legacy of healthcare leadership cultivated by the United States. We strongly disagree with President Trump’s decision, in particular during this pandemic crisis when it is imperative we do not become detached. This country must realign itself as an ally to scientific engagement, as COVID-19 is currently the utmost “deserving urgent global public health need” said AHNA President Barry Gallison DNP, MPA, APRN, NEA-BC, CPHQ, AHN-BC.

Out of deep concern for the health and wellness of both American and global citizens, we ask the congressional leadership to examine the ramifications of this withdrawal and seek to reverse it. U.S. legal scholars are questioning the legality of the withdrawal from WHO without congressional approval, while global health experts are warning this would cause major repercussions not only for the U.S., but other foreign countries who depend on the U.S. for funding, testing and disease surveillance.

The U.S.’s withdrawal from the WHO will go into effect on July 6, 2021.

About AHNA

Founded in 1981, the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) adopted as its primary mission, the advancement of holistic healthcare by increasing awareness and promoting education, as well as personal community-building among nurses, other healthcare professionals and the public. This nonprofit professional nursing specialty organization is the definitive voice for holistic nursing for registered nurses and other holistic healthcare professionals around the world. Holistic nursing focuses on integrating traditional, complementary and alternative treatment opportunities to improve the mind body and spiritual health of the whole person.

AHNA delivers valuable resources, improves educational tools, and offers superior networking opportunities to a vibrant and expanding universe of holistic healthcare professionals. AHNA currently services more than 5,500 members through 152 local chapters/networks in the U.S. and abroad. Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with both a defined scope and standards of practice.
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