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AHNA Releases Position Statement on Racism and Racial Inequality

The members of AHNA wish to show our solidarity with those who are courageously condemning racism and discrimination. The membership grieves with those who have suffered the violence and even murder as a result entrenched in social misunderstanding, hatred and fear.

Our hearts are with the families of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade and countless others.

We hear the voices of those who have lost family and loved ones to this systemic racism, and recognize their emotional, spiritual, physical and mental suffering. We, the members of AHNA, abhor the systemic racism which fosters cycles of fear, violence, abuses of power, discrimination, poverty and health care disparities.

“It is imperative this country and the world eliminates its lack of compassion, transforms its attitudes and behavior and ultimately heals this pervasive injustice. Holistic nurses embrace and celebrate diversity; therefore, we are using our voices to call out racism and recognize that, going forward, we can and must heal by embracing our common humanity and interconnectedness,” said Barry Gallison, DNP, MS, APRN, NEA-BC, CPHQ, AHN-BC, AHNA President.

Nurses practice within a framework of compassion which embraces the inherent dignity, worth and uniqueness of every individual, and we know our profession must do all we can to improve racial disparity in health outcomes. With this purpose, AHNA commits to immediate action and dialogue, reaching out to other nursing specialties to co-create strategies to increase diversity within nursing, create a culture of justice and equality, and deliver compassionate and effective healthcare services to those entrusted to our care.

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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