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American Holistic Nurses Association Supports
Legislation to Establish a National Nurse for Public Health

The American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) is pleased to announce its continuing support for H.R. 1597 / S. 696, The National Nurse Act of 2019 currently before Congress. This legislation will designate the same individual serving as the Chief Nurse Officer of the Public Health Service as the National Nurse for Public Health. Designating the Chief Nurse Officer of the Public Health Service as the National Nurse for Public Health would strengthen efforts by nurses in every community to assist in initiating a nationwide shift to prevention to yield improved health outcomes. The National Nurse for Public Health’s support for the Surgeon General’s focus on prevention, developing nurses as community health advocates, and promoting professional nursing is key to the role nursing plays in our nation’s healthcare infrastructure.

A philosophical and cultural shift to wellness and prevention on the national level that is reinforced by nurses in every community would go a long way in promoting health, reducing costs, and saving lives. To transform our health systems at the state and national level, it is important to elevate the role of nursing to create community level systems, identify public health concerns, and achieve early intervention for identified health needs.

About AHNA

The American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) is a non-profit specialty nursing professional membership organization that serves as the definitive voice for registered nurses who practice holistic nursing.

Founded in 1981, AHNA’s primary mission is to advance holistic nursing through Practice, Community Building, Advocacy, Research and Education. The association is dedicated to the continued development of evidence-based holistic research, self-care methods for nurses and non-pharmacological pain management. AHNA offers networking opportunities to its members along with continuing nursing education through webinars, self-study programs, publications, conferences, and scholarship and grant opportunities.

AHNA currently services more than 5,500 members through 166 local chapters in the U.S. and abroad. Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with a defined scope and standards of practice.
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