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**AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION LAUDS RED CROSS
FOR CHIEF NURSE APPOINTMENT**

Silver Spring, MD - The American Red Cross reinstated its executive position of chief nurse, following opposition by the American Nurses Association (ANA) and the larger nursing community over the elimination of the position.

In 2008 the Red Cross announced the elimination of its top nursing post, prompting ANA's House of Delegates to pass a resolution calling on the organization to rescind its action. ANA also sent a letter of protest to the Red Cross, noting the key role that nurses play in Red Cross disaster relief efforts.

On April 8, the Red Cross effectively reinstated the position, appointing Sharon A. R. Stanley, Ph.D., RN, RS, as its latest chief nurse.

"This action by the American Red Cross reflects the recognition by this leading health organization that America's nurses are vital to its mission," said ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR.

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The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses through its 51 constituent member nurses associations and its 24 specialty nursing and workforce advocacy affiliate organizations that currently connect to ANA as affiliates. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.