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AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION TAKES PART IN HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) promotes advance healthcare decision-making by taking part in National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD) on April 16th. ANA, along with dozens of participating organizations, is working to ensure that registered nurses and the public they serve document in written and in verbal form their desired healthcare decisions.

“As patient advocates, nurses need to set the example by having our own affairs in order; and we should encourage others to have thoughtful conversations about their healthcare decisions,” said ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. “Healthcare providers and facilities will be better equipped to address advance healthcare planning issues before a crisis and be better able to honor patient wishes when the time comes to do so.”

Please visit www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org for information and tools on how to start the conversation and how to execute written advance directives (healthcare power of attorney and a living will) in accordance with state laws.

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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.