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ANA PRESIDENT ATTENDS WHITE HOUSE MEETING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH CARE REFORM

SILVER SPRING, MD – Karen Daley, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, newly elected president of the American Nurses Association, today attended a meeting at the White House in recognition of the 90-day anniversary of the enactment of the historic Affordable Care Act.

During the event, President Obama gave a speech on the significant progress that has been made in implementing the new consumer benefits and cost savings of the new law. The president also unveiled new rules implementing the “patients’ bill of rights” protections that will provide consumers with more secure coverage by ending some of the worst insurance company abuses.

During his address to ANA’s House of Delegates on June 16, President Obama praised America’s nurses as the “beating heart of our medical system.” ANA has been advocating for health system reform for decades, and played a highly visible, national role in speaking out in support of the new health care reform legislation.

“I am pleased to have the opportunity to represent ANA at this meeting, and reaffirm our strong commitment for health care reform as we move into the regulatory phase,” said Daley. “This is not the end of our journey -- there is still much work to be done. ANA will remain actively engaged in the implementation of reform and will continue to speak out and advocate for nurses and patients.”

A resident of Boston, Massachusetts, Daley spent more than 26 years as a staff nurse at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. She is a past president of the Massachusetts Association of Registered

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Nurses and the Massachusetts Center for Nursing. In addition, she has served on the boards of ANA, the American Nurses Credentialing Center, and the ANA-PAC.

As a vocal, nationally recognized advocate for legislation mandating the use of safer needle devices in health care practice settings, President Daley has traveled throughout the world raising awareness among nurses, legislators, and health care administrators on the importance of needlestick prevention. She was among those invited to the Oval Office to witness President Clinton sign the "Needlestick Safety Prevention Act" into law on November 6, 2000.

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