



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NYSNA'S AFFILIATION WITH NNU, AFL-CIO

WHEREAS, the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) is a powerful staff nurse-led union representing public and private sector Registered Nurses (RNs) working throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, National Nurses United, AFL-CIO (NNU), is a powerful staff nurse-led national nurses' union representing public and private sector RNs working throughout the United States, including in California, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Florida, Texas and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, on August 10th, 2022, the NYSNA Board of Directors approved an Affiliation Agreement subject to the approval of the NYSNA Convention, a copy of which is attached hereto, under which NYSNA would become an autonomous Affiliate of NNU; and

WHEREAS, on August 18th, 2022, the NNU Executive Council approved this same Affiliation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the delegates of the 2022 NYSNA Convention believe that the affiliation of NYSNA with NNU will create an even more powerful national nurses' union that will defend and advance the economic and professional interests of direct care RNs across the country, unite and organize RNs eligible to be represented in collective bargaining, and advocate for RNs and their patients on public policy matters including safe nurse-to-patient ratios, safe and secure working conditions for RNS, and quality healthcare for all; and

WHEREAS, the delegates of the 2022 NYSNA Convention believe that it is in the best interests of NYSNA's members for NYSNA to affiliate with NNU in order to maximize NYSNA's organizing and bargaining power and protect NYSNA's members through an aggressive organizing, representational, political and legislative agenda, while maintaining full autonomy for NYSNA in connection with its bargaining, organizing, governance, professional practice, legislative, political, and all other activities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in an historic Convention held on October 19th-20th, 2022, in accordance with Article IV, Section 3(x) of NYSNA's Bylaws, the NYSNA Convention enthusiastically supports and approves the affiliation of NYSNA with NNU in accordance with the attached Affiliation Agreement.