



## **National Federation of Democratic Women Resolution #7**

### **Saluting Nurses**

**WHEREAS**, nurses are on the frontline every day caring for the sick and oftentimes desperately ill individuals, and in doing so they are utilizing their multi-faceted and highly skilled medical training that has taken years of arduous work to achieve their licensing. Hospitals, medical offices and clinics could not function without their service; and

**WHEREAS**, nurses have given their all during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are most intimately involved with patients, giving tenderness and encouragement in “war-zone” hospitals. They have worked valiantly without sufficient supplies of personal protective equipment, which puts their lives at risk. These heroes work for long grueling hours under horrific stress and strain, while being separated from their own families, but constantly comforting the stricken who are facing possible death, as well as communicating with the patients’ anxious families; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no consistent way of collecting data about how nurses and other healthcare workers are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the various nursing organizations, at least 90,000 healthcare workers have been afflicted with the virus and 260 nurses have died because of the virus--the youngest was 20-years-old and the oldest 99-years-old. These numbers are increasing as the pandemic continues.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the National Federation of Democratic Women salutes our nurses for their dedication and service to our country, and we call on Congress to make sure that our nurses have the personal protective equipment that they need at all times, as well as sufficient funding at their workplaces, and at the proper time Congress will recognize our nurses for their heroic service.

Submitted by the Resolutions Committee and the Legislative Committee

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