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**POSITION STATEMENT ON THE PROPER USE OF
PROFESSIONAL NURSE UNIFORM**

Nursing has always been regarded as a noble profession. It has reached its status through the ages as a result of its nobility in the cause it had pursued.

Through the years, the profession upholds its stature in the global health care arena. The nurses' uniform including the cap, and other paraphernalia associated with a nurse symbolizes the nobility of the profession.

The white uniform symbolizes purity of intentions and the heart to be of service to the sick and unable. The cap represents the responsibility to minister the sick and unable. It denotes the scientific knowledge, competence and caring attributes of a nurse. The lamp, as it has been through the ages, represents the hope to a bright new day as a nurse cares for the sick and unable. It also depicts the commitment to minister the sick irregardless of race, creed and nationality.

It has come to the attention of the Philippine Nurses Association regarding the continued use of the professional nurses' uniform other than its authorize use. On various instances, it has been reported that some television shows have portrayed stars using skimpy nurses' uniform, department store selling figurines depicting nurses in sexually provocative postures and lately a television station

featured a Restobar somewhere in Bulacan with waitresses dressed as nurses with skimpy uniforms.

The unauthorized wearing of the nurses' uniform demeans the image of the nursing profession. The nurses' uniform is a symbol of professional commitment, caring, competence and quality service.

Specifically, the white duty uniform and cap being upheld by a nurse is a symbol of responsibility and purity and we in the nursing profession demands that the nurses' uniform be accorded with utmost respect for it symbolizes the nobility of our profession.

We strongly denounce the unauthorized and demeaning use of our professional uniform and its subsequent impact on tarnishing our Professional and noble image.

Henceforth, the Philippine Nurses Association (PNA), Association of Nursing Service Administrator of the Philippines (ANSAP), Critical Care Nurses Association of the Philippines, Inc. (CCNAPI) and other interest groups call upon the responsible government, private agencies and commercial establishment to ensure that the professional nurses' uniform be respected and to remind the public they cannot usurp the professional nurse uniform. It is for the information of everyone that the PNA is taking aggressive steps and measures to put in place respect and dignity to the nursing profession. DILG has supported this particular endeavor and has issued circular to this effect. In addition, the Advertising Board of the Philippines also supports the PNA Position Statement by strictly implementing the policy on responsible advertising.

As we forge new directions in the Nursing Profession, we in the PNA, urge fellow nurses to be vigilant in protecting the image of our profession by reporting similar demeaning acts against the profession. We require all nurses to uphold our

image in the health care arena by becoming more cognizant with our social responsibility in protecting our profession. Let us be reminded that our responsibility does not only encompass the care we provide to our people but we also have our sworn duties to uphold the image of the profession we believed to be noble. Mabuhay ang mga Nurses!

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