

WASHINGTON STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION #2

ADDRESSING LONG RANGE IMPLICATIONS OF ASIAN TSUNAMI VICTIMS

WHEREAS, The December 26, 2004 earthquake in the Indian Ocean and resultant tsunami in Southeast Indonesia was the largest natural disaster on record, and

WHEREAS, This natural disaster has wide spread public health implications for disease prevention and treatment, and

WHEREAS, Health care organizations and health care providers have been immediately impacted and this impact will continue for many years into the future.

BE IT THEREFORE

RESOLVED, That the Washington State Nurses Association continue to keep members informed of opportunities to provide assistance and support to the victims of the tsunami through volunteer and financial efforts, and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That the Washington State Nurses Association urge the American Nurses Association and other State Nurses Associations to continue local efforts for long term support of the victims, and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That the Washington State Nurses Association assist efforts to inform the public of the potential public health crisis in Southeast Asia.

Unanimously adopted by the WSNA General Assembly, May 5, 2005

COST IMPACT

1. Please state why resolution is proposed:
There was an immediate outpouring of support for the victims of the tsunami.
There is the fear that this support may decline over time.
2. What would adoption achieve?
It would provide opportunities for WSNA members to assist in ongoing relief efforts.
3. How will proposal benefit the profession and/or the Association?
State and local recognition for organizing continuing support for the victims and health care providers in Southeast Asia.
4. What would the cost impact (to degree known)?
The dollar amount is unknown. Pre-existing WSNA publications could be used to dissipate the information.
5. Would it require?
Printing materials - the publications already exist.
Mailing of materials - the materials are already mailed or maintained [web site]