



## 2023 PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

### 1. Proposed Resolution on Sigma's Support of Nurses' Role, Responsibility, and Engagement in Advancing Planetary Health

*Whereas,* Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing envisions "connected, empowered nurses transforming global healthcare" by "developing nurse leaders anywhere to improve healthcare everywhere" as its mission; and

*Whereas,* the 2021-2023 Sigma Organizational Call to Action urges its leadership and membership to **BE BOLD** in transprofessional collaboration with stakeholders concerning crucial decisions for the nursing profession, population, and the planet in three critical domains—*economics, technology, and conservation*; and

*Whereas,* nurses are seen as the most trusted profession and must boldly leverage the power of that trust to ensure nurses are integrally involved in the decisions being made regarding economics, technology, and conservation worldwide; and

*Whereas,* Sigma collaborates with the United Nations (UN), the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Council of Nurses (ICN), and other partners in advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and supporting its 17 Goals; and

*Whereas,* the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and The Rockefeller Foundation-Lancet Commission recognize that "human health and the health of our planet are inextricably linked, and that our civilization depends on human health, flourishing natural systems, and the wise stewardship of natural resources. With natural systems being degraded to an extent unprecedented in human history, both our health and that of our planet are in peril"<sup>1</sup>; therefore, be it

*Resolved,* that Sigma raises the collective voice of nursing and leverages its power of trust to influence critical decisions regarding nurses' role, responsibility, and engagement in advancing planetary health (or GeoHealth<sup>2</sup>) vital to the future of the nursing profession, the well-being of humans, and the sustainability of planet Earth<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. (n.d.). Planetary Health. *Planetary Health* | UNFCCC. Retrieved 17 March 2023, from <https://unfccc.int/climate-action/un-global-climate-action-awards/planetary-health>

<sup>2</sup> Almada, A. A., Golden, C. D., Osofsky, S. A., & Myers, S. S. (2017). A case for Planetary Health/GeoHealth. *GeoHealth*, 1(2), 75–78. <https://doi.org/10.1002/2017GH000084>

<sup>3</sup> Redvers, N., Celidwen, Y., Schultz, C., Horn, O., Githaiga, C., Vera, M., Perdrisat, M., Mad Plume, L., Kobei, D., Kain, M. C., Poelina, A., Rojas, J. N., & Blondin, B. (2022). The determinants of planetary health: an Indigenous consensus perspective. *The Lancet. Planetary health*, 6(2), e156–e163. [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanplh/article/PIIS2542-5196\(21\)00354-5/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanplh/article/PIIS2542-5196(21)00354-5/fulltext)

## 2. Proposed Resolution on the Utilization of Positive Technology and Social Media Platforms

*Whereas*, in 1922, the six founders of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing chose its name from the Greek words meaning love, courage, and honor that have been Sigma's core values and guiding principles; and

*Whereas*, the 2021-2023 Sigma Organizational Call to Action urges its leadership and membership to **BE BOLD** in interacting with technology by being fluent in its language and engaging in strategic conversations about its development, adoption, and implications; and

*Whereas*, the fourth industrial revolution (FIRe) blurs the lines between the physical and digital worlds. Massive technological advancements and ubiquitous connectivity are occurring; and

*Whereas*, there are growing concerns over electronic security, the proliferation of misinformation from the misuse of technology, and the unfettered utilization of social media platforms leading to dehumanization, social degradation, and other harmful behaviors<sup>1</sup>; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that Sigma commits to the utilization of positive technology, including social media platforms, exhibiting the highest ethical standards to align with Sigma's founding principles of love, courage, and honor.

<sup>1</sup> O'Lemmon M. (2022). The worst mistake 2.0? The digital revolution and the consequences of innovation. *AI & society*, 1–10. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00146-022-01599-5>

## 3. Proposed Resolution in Commitment to Exemplify Sustainability

*Whereas*, mitigation and adaptation to climate change is fundamental to Sigma's vision, mission, and objectives; and

*Whereas*, climate change is exacerbating health inequalities and an unprecedented public health crisis is certain if we do not act; and

*Whereas*, achieving net zero healthcare and demonstrating sustainability practice across all Sigma's functions and strategic actions is crucial; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, we, as an entire organization and as individual members commit to exemplify sustainability, leadership, and expertise across all its membership.

## 4. Proposed Resolution in Appreciation for the Sigma Staff

*Whereas*, the Sigma staff has provided outstanding service, unwavering commitment, and innovative leadership to Sigma and the nursing community; and

*Whereas*, the Sigma staff championed the society's values throughout the 2021-2023 biennium to support and achieve Sigma's mission—Developing nurse leaders anywhere to improve healthcare everywhere; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that this House of Delegates expresses sincere appreciation to the Sigma staff for their commitment to providing exemplary service to the society's global constituencies and the entire global nursing community to fulfill Sigma's vision—Connected, empowered nurses transforming global healthcare.