

Wisconsin Nurses Association  
2009 Reference Report #4

Subject: Celebration of Wisconsin Nurses Association 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Introduced by: WNA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
Core Issue: A Visible and Viable WNA

**Summary:** October 22, 2009 marks the official beginning of a year-long celebration commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Wisconsin Nurses Association. This historic event is being recognized during a year of observances at both the 2009 and 2010 Annual WNA Convention.

**Recommendation:** That on this 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Wisconsin Nurses Association:

- Celebrates Stella Mathews, who presided over the first meeting of the Wisconsin Association of Graduate Nurses in 1909, held at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee.
- Celebrates the 94 nurses who attended the first WNA meeting after incorporation at the Pfister Hotel March 31, 1910.
- Honors Julia Durand, Racine for her 65 years as a WNA member and her 24 years caring for mothers and babies as an Obstetric nurse at St. Lukes in Racine.
- Honors all the Wisconsin registered nurses serving in the military, past and present who are continually vigilant and ready to respond when called for a war, conflict, or national emergency.
- Celebrates and applaud the many thousands of Wisconsin nurses who have cared for, nurtured and served the citizens of this state thereby improving the health of our communities.
- Celebrates the many nurses who have served the WNA organization as Presidents, Executive Directors, Board members and countless committees, without them WNA would cease to exist.
- Recognizes WNA's leadership in educating nurses in meetings, conventions and workshops that have enhanced both the skills and abilities of professional nurses.
- Recognizes WNA as the leader in assuring the passage of public policy that supports healthy communities; and.
- Most significantly, we proudly recognize the Wisconsin Nurses Association as the voice of registered nurses in this state for the past 100 years.