

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: There are over 500,000 people in the United States that have experienced ostomy or related surgery; and,

WHEREAS: These ostomates, their caregivers and families have a variety of physical, emotional and social issues, both pre-op and post-op, that can most effectively be addressed by a trained medical professional; and,

WHEREAS: The Enterostomal Therapy (ET) Nursing Profession which had its start in 1968 and has now evolved into a Society of Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nurses where these WOC Nurses, as valuable members of the medical team, play a critical role in preparing ostomy patients to manage their ostomies independently, increasing their confidence, assisting them in selecting the right prosthetic equipment to complement their life style and activities, assessing and addressing medical complications, and connecting them with an organized ostomy support group ... activities which significantly enhance the quality of life of their patients; and,

WHEREAS: These patient-described heroes and lifesavers who educate, care about, and care for their patients with technical proficiency and compassion, are so richly deserving of our acclamation, recognition and heart-felt thanks; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Management Board of Directors of the United Ostomy Associations of America, on behalf of its 238 Affiliated Support Groups and their members, hereby acknowledges the excellent work accomplished by all WOC Nurses throughout the United States and joins in the observance of

WOC NURSE WEEK, April 15 – 21, 2007

Signed and Sealed this 12th day of April, 2007



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