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**INDIANA STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION JOINS THE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF NURSES
*Increases national membership by 1200***

Washington, D.C.— Indiana State Nurses Association (ISNA), the largest professional organization for nurses in Indiana, has voted to join the National Federation of Nurses as an organizational affiliate member.

“ISNA has long supported the legal right of registered nurses to be represented in the workplace for collective bargaining” said Ernest Klein, CAE, Executive Director of the Indiana State Nurses Association. “Our joining with the National Federation of Nurses is more important than ever as we face the increased demand healthcare reform will bring, and continue to advocate for safe and fair working conditions for the nurses who provide excellent, compassionate care.”

The National Federation of Nurses is a leading national labor union and collaborative voice for registered nurses represented by collective bargaining agreements. Its members are state nursing associations; the Indiana State Nurses Association becomes the first organizational affiliate member.

With a structure and organization that is unique on the national level, the National Federation of Nurses is a democratic and collaborative organization that provides its members with an unparalleled opportunity to promote the interests of registered nurses, the nursing profession and patients.

“We strive to improve both working conditions for nurses and quality of care for patients, and to do so in a collaborative, inclusive way,” said Barbara Crane, RN, President of National Federation of Nurses. “Adding the voices of the nurses from Indiana to our organization expands our influence on national issues and our ability to represent the interests of nurses across this country.”

The Indiana State Nurses Association, which has a shared services agreement with the Ohio Nurses Association to provide collective bargaining services if requested by Indiana nurses.

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About the National Federation of Nurses

The National Federation of Nurses was founded in December 2008 on the principles of democracy, inclusiveness, transparency and equity, and provides a collaborative forum for nurses. The organization represents over 71,000 nurses and is made up of and directed by its members; current members are the state nurses associations of Indiana, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon and Washington. The National Federation of Nurses provides support, education and assistance to member organizations, with a priority on reforming our health care system to achieve better outcomes and reduce costs, and on securing workplace protections afforded through collective bargaining. More information is available at www.nfn.org.

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