

## **Safe Staffing 2017 Resolution**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, in Minnesota there are no standards for the number of patients a Registered Nurse can be assigned to care for at one time; and

**WHEREAS**, dozens of peer reviewed academic studies show that nurse staffing affects patient outcomes; falls, infections, pressure ulcers and even deaths increase the more patients a nurse is assigned; and

**WHEREAS**, providing more Registered Nurses at the bedside is the most reliable and cost-effective way to ensure high-quality care that protects both patients and staff; and

**THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED**, the \_\_\_\_\_ party of Minnesota supports legislation that would require a minimum standard of safe Registered Nurse-patient staffing to protect patient safety.