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AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION ENDORSES
PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) today announced its endorsement of President Barack Obama for re-election. ANA is the national professional association representing the interests of the country’s 3.1 million registered nurses (RNs).

“Increasing access to care and transforming the American health care system from one that focuses on illness care to a system that emphasizes prevention, wellness, and care coordination have been ANA’s priorities for more than two decades. ANA remains committed to supporting President Obama’s efforts to fully implement and fund the Affordable Care Act,” said ANA President Karen A. Daley, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN.

President Obama’s administration has consistently supported the profession by appointing nurses to key leadership positions and creating new opportunities for nurses to deliver care through community health centers and school-based health centers. The president has also supported nursing workforce programs, which include nurse faculty education and expanding loan repayment and scholarship programs.

“The Obama administration values nurses’ expertise and understands that nurses need to practice to the full extent of their education, training, and licensure in order to fulfill the vision of health care reform,” said Daley.

“We’re honored to have the support of the American Nurses Association, and we look forward to working with them throughout the campaign,” said Jim Messina, Obama for America campaign manager. “President Obama believes affordable, reliable health insurance is an important part of middle-class security. He refuses to go back to when health insurance
companies had unchecked power to deny coverage when you get sick or charge women more than men simply because of their gender. Americans who work hard and pay their premiums deserve the security that comes with good health care – and America’s nurses know that. With their help, we’ll ensure that President Obama has another four years to continue implementing the landmark health reforms that are already helping millions of Americans save money and lead healthier lives.”

ANA will connect members who wish to engage actively in the president’s re-election campaign and with the campaign’s Nurses for Obama efforts. ANA has members in all 50 states and U.S. territories. ANA has been making presidential endorsements since 1984.

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ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation’s 3.1 million registered nurses through its constituent and state nurses associations and its organizational affiliates. ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.