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HONOR NURSE LEADERS FOR NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

Silver Spring, MD- As nurses and the communities they serve pay tribute to the profession during National Nurses Week (May 6-12), The American Nurses Association is asking nurses to show their support and appreciation for ANA's leadership by nominating them for a spot in *Modern Healthcare's* 6th Annual "100 Most Powerful People" recognition program.

Every year, associations such as ours go to their members and ask them to nominate their President, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director. In previous years, nurse leaders Mary Foley, MS, RN, ANA President 2000-2002; Barbara Blakeney, MS, RN, ANA President 2002-2006; Linda J. Stierle, MSN, RN, CNAAB, ANA Chief Executive Officer; Geraldine (Polly) Bednash, Ph.D., RN, FAAN Executive Director, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), Pamela Thompson, RN, MS, FAAN, Chief Executive Officer of the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) and Linda H Aiken, PhD, FAAN, FRCN, RN, Claire M. Fagin Leadership Professor in Nursing, Professor of Sociology, and Director of the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research, Cheryl Johnson, BSN, RN, UAN President 1999 – present, have appeared on the list.

What better time than National Nurses Week to show that nurses deserve to be recognized as powerful people, alongside the politicians, political appointees and others with influence in the field of healthcare? In 2007, let's get nurse leaders on the list. You can help make this happen by participating now.

Nominations will be accepted through Friday, May 11, 2007. *Modern Healthcare* will place the 300 people who receive the most nominations on a final ballot and post it on their Web site, www.modernhealthcare.com. Then, for a short period of time (approximately two weeks), readers will visit the site again to vote for the candidates they believe should make the final list of the "100 Most Powerful." Final ranking will be published in the Aug. 27, 2007, issue of *Modern Healthcare*

Show your support for the nursing profession; **submit your nomination now at** www.modernhealthcare.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?category=100mp

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The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses through its 54 constituent member nurses associations. The 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.