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Commitment to Facilitating Interstate Practice

WHEREAS, The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) recognized the importance of facilitating interstate practice by endorsing the mutual recognition model of nurse licensure in 1997; and

WHEREAS, The facilitation of interstate practice promotes mobility among nurses who practice in multiple jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Continued rapid changes in technology facilitate telehealth practice by nurses; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-four member boards have implemented the mutual recognition model of licensure by joining the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) for registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/LVNs); and

WHEREAS, The Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators (NLCA) has explored potential revisions to the NLC to enhance its operations; and

WHEREAS, Over the past year, the Executive Officer Forum has engaged in a dialogue to identify barriers to the adoption of the NLC by member boards; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Officer Forum has reached consensus among the executive officers who participated and will be proposing revisions to the NLC that are intended to accomplish its expeditious adoption by member boards; and

WHEREAS, The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Compact, a mutual recognition model for advanced practice nursing, has been proposed and is being aligned with the NLC, therefore be it;

RESOLVED, To enhance public protection and to facilitate the mobility of nurses and use of telehealth technology for access to health care, NCSBN affirms its endorsement of a uniform mutual recognition model for state-based nurse licensure and commits to revising the NLC and the APRN Compact to achieve their universal implementation by member boards.

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