**TOPIC:** **IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED AWARENESS OF HOME FALL PREVENTION FOR THE GERIATRIC POPULATION**

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WHEREAS, the adult geriatric population is increasing due to a longer lifespan and the aging of the Baby Boomer generation, which will continue to present a huge concern for fall prevention and risk assessment (Huang, Turner, & Brandt, 2018); and

WHEREAS, currently, falls are the leading cause of injury-related deaths in the older adult population with approximately one-third of individuals over 65 experiencing falls annually (Loham et al., 2017); and

WHEREAS, many factors and co- morbidities lead to falls causing 37.3 million individuals to require hospitalization due to further injury from a fall like fractures and/ or brain injury, ultimately, increasing global healthcare costs that are expected to be around $240 billion by the year 2040 (Khanuja, Joki, Bachmann, & Cuccurillo, 2018); and

WHEREAS, patients 65 and older who are newly discharged express the need for notification of the importance of fall prevention and risk assessment with further verbal explanation since patients feel when given a brochure about the topic, that alone is insufficient (Tzeng & Yin, 2014); and

WHEREAS, leg and foot strength decreases rapidly after age 75 when the opportunity to participate in regular physical activity decreases (Cho & An, 2014); and

WHEREAS, fall prevention and risk assessment requires time that often cannot be provided by healthcare providers and thus, requires a team approach to identify fall risks and provide health promotion (Reinoso, McCaffrey, & Taylor, 2018); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Student Nurses’ Association (NSNA) support increased awareness of home fall prevention for the geriatric population; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA provide education and materials at the Annual Convention through break-out sessions related to this topic, if feasible, to increase participation of all persons involved in nursing care within communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA publish an article in Imprint on the benefits of all nursing personal participation in home fall prevention and risk assessment in the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA send a copy of this resolution to the American Nurses Association, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, National League for Nursing, Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Geriatric Society, Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association, The Gerontological Society of America and all others deemed appropriate by the CNSA Board of Directors.