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Dear Nursing Colleagues and Students,

For 15 years four of Chicago's Black nursing associations combined to celebrate National Black Nurses Day. The Honorable Charles Rangel of New York in 1988 was instrumental in getting the US Congress to establish the First Friday in the month of February as the national day to acknowledge the contributions to health care made by all Black nurses. The first celebration was held on February 3, 1989.

The four Black nursing organizations that joined together to celebrate National Black Nurses in Chicago were the Chicago Chapter National Black Nurse's Association, Beta Mu Chapter of Lambda Pi Alpha Sorority, Alpha Eta Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, Inc. and Provident Hospital Nurses' Alumni Association.

Provident Hospital Nurses' Alumni Association consisted of graduates of Provident Hospital's School of Nursing. The Alumni Association had been in existence since 1891. In March of 2020, the Alumni Board voted for the dissolution of their organization because of aging and declining membership.

Upon dissolution, board members Louise Broadnax and Pearl Davis endowed the National Black Nurses Day Planning Committee with monies to be used as scholarships for black students currently enrolled in an accredited school of nursing. The scholarships will be presented at the 33<sup>rd</sup> celebration of National Black Nurse's Day, February 26, 2021.

Sincerely,

National Black Nurses Day Planning Committee