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NURSES VOTED MOST TRUSTED PROFESSION

SILVER SPRING, MD - For the seventh consecutive year, nurses were voted the most trusted profession in America in Gallup's annual survey of professions for their honesty and ethical standards. Eighty-four percent of Americans believe nurses' honesty and ethical standards are either "high" or "very high."

"It's a proud day for nurses and for nursing," remarked ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. "The fundamental principles of nursing are compassion and respect for the individual patient. They are what inspire each nurse to strive to promote health, prevent illness and alleviate suffering. It's gratifying to see those principles recognized by the public we serve."

Since being included in the Gallup poll in 1999, nurses have received the highest ranking every year except in 2001, when fire fighters received top honors. Results were based on telephone interviews with more than 1,000 adults.

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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, its 23 organizational affiliates serving 330,000 members of national nursing specialty organizations, and its workforce advocacy affiliate, the Center for American Nurses. 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.