# Maine Nurse Practitioner Association

# We, the members of the Maine Nurse Practitioner Association, now assembled at the 2016 Annual Meeting in Lincolnville, Maine propose the following Resolution and urge unanimous support of the membership in its passage

# Resolution Supporting the End of Domestic Violence

**Whereas:** one of the missions of the Maine Nurse Practitioners association is to advocate for the health of all the people of Maine, and

**Whereas**: nurse practitioners are patient advocates and collaborate with others to provide comprehensive care, while providing education and facilitation for promotion of optimal health utilizing resources including community supports, and

**Whereas:** domestic violence and suicide are more common in Maine than homicide with over 5,000 cases of domestic assault reported in this state each year, the Association will collaborate with stakeholders and agencies to promote projects to decrease and prevent domestic violence such as through prevention and treatment programs, and

**Whereas:** domestic violence is a public health issue with significant morbidity, lifelong impact, and costs to individuals and society, the Maine Nurse Practitioners Association will support efforts in prevention or early intervention through policy changes, cultural changes, education, care, decreasing risk factors, awareness, and support of survivors.

**Now, therefore be it resolved** that the Maine Nurse Practitioners Association supports efforts to end domestic violence.

**And, be it further resolved** that the Maine Nurse Practitioners Association urge legislators to promote legislation aimed at ending domestic violence in Maine.

**And, be it further resolved** that this resolution become part of the Maine Nurse Practitioner Association’s official records.

Adopted on: April 28, 2016