

Resolution Title: Reaffirmation of Resolution on State and Federal
Legislation of Healthcare Staffing

Submitted by: Professional Staff Congress/CUNY

WHEREAS, staffing in many of our hospitals and health facilities has been cut to dangerously low levels; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no recognized standard for appropriate staffing levels in hospitals and health facilities; and

WHEREAS, in states where legally mandated hospital staffing levels do exist, they are often arbitrary and inadequate; and

WHEREAS, most states do not require hospitals and health facilities to collect information of staffing levels, therefore making it impossible to demonstrate the relationship between low staffing levels and negative patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was adopted by delegates to the New York State United Teachers Resolution Assembly but is due to expire in 2005; therefore be it

RESOLVED, and reaffirmed that NYSUT continue to urge AFT to advocate each state to pass legislation that would mandate the collection and public disclosure of information required to evaluate the relationship between staffing and patient outcomes; and be it further

RESOLVED, and reaffirmed that NYSUT urge AFT to press that reasonable and appropriate mandatory staffing levels for hospitals and other healthcare facilities be established in each state to ensure patient safety and adequate quality of patient care.