

**Encouraging Adult Changing Stations in Commercial Public Facilities**

 **COMMITTEE: Health RESOLUTION: HEA-18-02**

1. **WHEREAS**, the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, while not stipulating
2. Adult changing stations, requires that specified buildings, structures, and facilities be
3. accessible to, and usable by, individuals with disabilities; and
4. **WHEREAS**, as the number of individuals with disabilities continues to grow, the need
5. for access to adult changing stations in commercial public facilities is becoming more
6. apparent across our nation; and
7. **WHEREAS**, by expanding public restroom accommodations in large occupancy
8. buildings such as auditoriums, convention centers, exhibition halls, sports arenas, and
9. theaters, individuals with disabilities are given dignity and the basic human right to
10. maintain their health; and
11. **WHEREAS**, special education departments in some areas of the country including
12. California are providing changing stations for students so that they can comfortably and
13. safely attend to their needs; and
14. **WHEREAS**, the private sector, including Disney California Adventure Park, offers adult
15. changing stations in their facilities, and international airports have installed adult
16. changing stations to aid in the comfort and safety of their passengers; and
17. **WHEREAS**, more states are considering requiring the installation and maintenance of
18. adult changing stations in large commercial public facilities and certain state facilities,
19. making it a timely and important topic for consideration and study.
20. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Organization of Black Elected
21. Legislative Women (NOBEL Women) affirms that permanent, comprehensive, bipartisan
22. federal legislation is necessary to assure Adult Changing Stations.

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