

**Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association
Alpha Eta Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.
Beta Mu Chapter of Lambda Pi Alpha Sorority
Provident Hospital Nurses' Alumni Association**
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Black Nurses' Day Celebration will be held at Apostolic Faith Church, 3823 S. Indiana Ave on Friday, February 5, 2010, beginning at 6:30pm. This celebration is being hosted by four professional Black Nursing Organizations in the Chicagoland area. The Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses' Association, Alpha Eta Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Beta Mu Chapter of Lambda Pi Alpha Sorority, and Provident Hospital Nurses' Alumni Association.

The ceremony will celebrate the contributions of Black Nurses' (RNs **and** LPNs) in the following areas: Rehabilitative Care, Neurological Care, Politics and Disease Management/ Preventive Healthcare and Wellness. All members of the healthcare community are invited to attend and salute these nurses for their contributions to the welfare of society. For additional information call Dr. Sandra Webb-Booker at (773) 792-7222.

HISTORY

Honorable Charles Rangel of New York, in 1988 was instrumental in getting the United States Congress to establish the first Friday in the month of February as the day to acknowledge the contributions to healthcare and society made by **all** Black nurses. The first celebration was held on February 3, 1989. The Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association (CCNBNA) was established in 1973 under the leadership of the late Rev. Christine Leak R.N. The organization's membership consists of RNs, LPNs, and Student Nurses. The current President is Carolyn Rimmer.

Beta Mu Chapter of Lambda Pi Alpha Sorority was established in 1934 at Provident Hospital. This organization holds the hallmark of being the first professional Black Nursing Organization in the City of Chicago. The current Basileus is Hazel Reed.

Alpha Eta Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority Inc. is a National Sorority for Nurses and Nursing students that was organized October 16, 1932 at Freedman's Hospital in Washington D.C. The Alpha Eta Chapter was established May 1980. The current President is Jackie Smith .

Provident Hospital Nurses' Alumni Association consists of graduates of Provident Hospital's School of Nursing. The alumni association has been in existence since 1891. The current President is Louise Hoskins Broadnax.