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A Declaration on Climate Change and Health June 19, 2017

As leading public health, patient advocacy, nursing and medical organizations, we reiterate our longstanding commitment to addressing climate change as a public health issue. The statement below articulates our consensus on the health impacts of climate change and the need for action to protect the public's health.

- The health impacts of climate change demand **immediate action**.
- The **science is clear**; communities across the nation are **experiencing the health impacts** of climate change, including:
 - Elevated **ozone** and **particulate** air pollution, linked to asthma attacks, cardiovascular disease and premature death;
 - **Extreme weather patterns, such as heat and severe storms that cause droughts, wildfires and flooding** that destabilize communities, especially those least equipped to defend themselves; and
 - Increased **vector-borne diseases** by expanding seasons and geographic ranges for ticks, mosquitoes and other disease-carrying insects to roam.
- The **most vulnerable** – children, seniors, low-income communities, some communities of color, and those with chronic disease – disproportionately bear the health impacts of climate change.
- **Bold action** is needed to address climate change by cleaning up major sources of carbon pollution and other greenhouse gases, including **power plants**, cars, trucks and other mobile sources.
- Communities must have the tools and resources to adapt to and **mitigate the unique impacts** of climate change in their communities.
- **We call on President Trump, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, and members of Congress** to heed the clear scientific evidence and take steps now to reduce pollution that drives climate change and harms health.
- The public health, disease advocacy and medical community are **united in our efforts to protect the public from the risks of climate change**.

Signed

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