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Message from Ivy Budhai-Henry, President, NYSENA

Greetings from the New York State Emergency Nurses Council.

2017 started with a bang – and we have been having mixed emotions about how the country is going. However, let us be optimistic and continue to do our parts as good citizens and caregivers.

Our state emergency council continues to be engaged in community injury prevention which will be useful information especially as the summer season approaches. Children will be exposed to different kinds of emergencies and as emergency nurses we are prepared to handle various problems. We need to continue our program of injury prevention both to the young and the old. We think of patients with drowning and near drowning scenarios, heat related emergencies, motor vehicle crashes, children with minor injuries, and other emergencies who will be admitted to our facilities.

Our annual conference, “Setting the Pace 2017”, was a real success. Many thanks to the conference committee for going beyond the call of duty to make the conference such a success. We were blessed to have our national President, Karen Wiley, our state liaison, Sally Snow, Secretary-Treasurer ENA, and Maureen Curtis -Cooper, Director of ENA at our conference and state council meeting. Their interactions with the members were appreciated. We also had Deena Breecher, past ENA president ENA who gave us a brilliant perspective on diagnosing pediatric emergencies.

Our day on the hill was represented by Martha Reid, our president elect for 2018, and Dr Marylou Killian.

We are saddened by the deaths of our member and family members of our council members. Michelle Siliker, a past president of NYSENA, Bod Marcel, husband of Cheryl Marcel, past president NYSENA, and Paul Giganti, son of Maria Giganti President of the Brooklyn/Staten Island Chapter. We extend our sympathy to the families.

We are approaching the time when ENA will send all the members a unique password for us to vote for our future national leaders. I urge you to look for your password and utilize your privilege to nominate your national team. In closing I wish you a happy summer. Let us remember all our veterans on Memorial Day, without whom we would not enjoy the freedom which we hold dear.