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### **National Black Nurses Association Hosts 38th Annual Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill**

**Washington, D.C. — December 17, 2026 —** The National Black Nurses Association, Inc. (NBNA) will convene nurses, nurse leaders, policymakers, and health equity advocates from across the nation for its **38th Annual Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill on Thursday, February 5, 2026**, at the **Hilton Capitol Hill, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001**.

Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill is NBNA's signature health policy and advocacy event, bringing the collective voice of Black nurses directly to members of Congress. The annual convening provides a vital platform to advance policies that address health inequities, strengthen the nursing workforce, and improve health outcomes in underserved communities.

The 2026 theme, **“Harnessing our Power Within: Nurses Mobilized and Advancing Health Equity Through Policy,”** underscores the essential role nurses play in shaping equitable, evidence-based health policy and driving systemic change. Participants will engage in policy briefings, issue education, and advocacy training, followed by coordinated meetings with legislators to address key healthcare priorities impacting communities nationwide.

“For nearly four decades NBNA has led the nursing profession in health policy advocacy” said **NBNA President and CEO, Dr. Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, AACRN, FNAP, FAAN, FADLN, FAAN**. “Our annual Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill gathering empowers our members to transform their varied and extensive clinical expertise as well as their lived experiences into meaningful policy action that advances health equity for all.”

Since its inception, Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill has evolved into a powerful national advocacy movement, reflecting NBNA's longstanding commitment to civic engagement, public policy leadership, and health justice. The event also serves to educate and mobilize nurses to remain active participants in the legislative process beyond Capitol Hill.

#### **About the National Black Nurses Association**

Founded in 1971, the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) represents approximately 308,000 Black registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, and nursing students in 115 chapters across the United States, the Eastern Caribbean, and Africa. NBNA's mission is to serve as the voice for Black nurses and diverse populations, promoting equity in healthcare and advancing the professional and educational development of nurses worldwide.

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