



## **NHMA Reschedules Annual Conference in Anaheim, California.**

**Jan. 23, 2025** — Gilbert Burgos, M.D., MPH, Interim President and Chairman of the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA), announced the postponement of the 28th Annual Conference to June 5-7, 2025.

Due to the ongoing wildfire crisis in Southern California, the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) has made the difficult decision to postpone its 28th Annual NHMA Conference, originally scheduled for March 20-22, 2025. The conference will now take place June 5-7, 2025, at the Anaheim Marriott in Anaheim, Calif.

As the region continues to recover from the devastating fires, NHMA prioritizes the safety and well-being of its members and the local community facing the daunting task of rebuilding their businesses and lives. The fires in Los Angeles County, which began in early January, tragically claimed at least 28 lives, displaced over 200,000 people, and destroyed more than 16,000 structures.

As an organization dedicated to the well-being of Hispanic and Latino communities, we recognize the disproportionate toll that disasters like this often take on our communities - 1 in 4 of those impacted are Latinos. The road to recovery will take time, and NHMA stands in solidarity with those impacted, providing support and advocacy for the rebuilding process. We encourage our members and the broader community to stay engaged as we navigate this challenging moment together.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the first responders, emergency personnel, and volunteers, including many NHMA members, working tirelessly to manage this disaster.

In the next few days, we will contact everyone who has already registered to attend, speak, and/or exhibit with information on the next steps to joining us in June. While we remain focused on ensuring this process continues seamlessly, we encourage everyone to register for the rescheduled conference. Your participation is crucial as we come together to address the urgent health challenges facing Hispanic communities.

If you have any immediate issues, please feel free to contact our Senior Conference Manager LaShawn Maloy [lmaloy@nhmamd.org](mailto:lmaloy@nhmamd.org).