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Gilbert Burgos, M.D. MPH, Interim President and Chairman of the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA), Expresses Concerns Over Kennedy Jr.'s Vaccine Skepticism, Urges Evidence-Based Health Policies

WASHINGTON— Today Gilbert Burgos, M.D., MPH interim President and Chairman of the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA), released the following statement in response to President-elect Donald Trump’s nomination of Robert Kennedy, Jr. to head the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

“For 30 years, the National Hispanic Medical Association has advocated for the health of Latinos and other underserved communities across the nation. Above all, our aim has been to bring scientifically based health information, care, and access to technology to those who were left out of the healthcare system.

Mr. Kennedy’s long-standing and vocal skepticism of vaccines and public health institutions, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), poses a troubling concern. His promotion of scientifically unproven theories and spreading of misinformation about vaccines, runs counter to NHMA’s commitment to evidence-based health guidance.

NHMA hopes that the incoming administration will keep public health as its top concern and not allow misinformation to lead policy that could compromise our nation’s public health system and exacerbate health disparities for Latinos and other communities of color. Our healthcare system needs leaders who can strengthen public trust, advance human health and improve health equity”.

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The National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) is a non-profit organization representing the interests of over 50,000 licensed Hispanic physicians in the United States. NHMA aims to improve the health of Hispanic and other underserved populations through advocacy, research, and education. By addressing the unique healthcare challenges faced by these communities, NHMA strives to achieve health equity for all.