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National Hispanic Medical Association Announces Departure of President and CEO Elena Rios, MD

WASHINGTON—The National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) announces the departure of its President and CEO, Elena Rios, MD. As a founding member, Dr. Rios' visionary leadership has shaped NHMA's mission and impact for an impressive 30 years.

The board of directors extends their most profound appreciation for her exceptional contributions and remarkable achievements.

"We are immensely grateful for the lifetime of dedication that Dr. Elena Rios has devoted to this organization and to advancing Hispanic health," said **Interim President and NHMA Board Chair Gilbert Burgos, MD**. "She is synonymous with the efforts and successes that NHMA has achieved over the past three decades and has laid a strong foundation in the service of Latino communities. We now recommit our efforts and look toward the future with renewed excitement and expectation. As the Hispanic/Latino population grows, NHMA remains an indispensable organization. We must persist in our efforts to achieve health equity and representation, ensuring that all individuals can benefit from a healthcare system that strives to improve the health and well-being of all communities."

For 30 years, NHMA has played a pivotal role in enhancing health equity for Latino communities, including advocating for the passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and other vital protections. Through its extensive network of healthcare professionals, NHMA has also significantly shaped policies that promote access to quality healthcare, culturally competent care, and health equity.

NHMA has initiated an extensive search for a new leader who will move the organization forward in new and innovative ways while respecting our legacy. The organization remains steadfast in its mission to advance the health and well-being of Hispanic communities across the United States.

As NHMA embarks on this new chapter, it reaffirms its commitment to being the voice for Hispanic doctors and an unwavering advocate for the interests of Latino communities.

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About NHMA:

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.