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Dr. Albert W. Morris, Jr., Elected Chair, Board of Trustees of the National Medical Association

Silver Spring, MD, (February 4, 2014) — Diagnostic radiologist Albert W. Morris, Jr., M.D, was elected chair of the Board of Trustees of the National Medical Association (NMA) on January 18, 2014. He previously served as chair of the board in 2004 and once again was selected to lead the NMA in a spirit of professionalism and service. The NMA was founded in 1895, and serves the collective interests of more than 35,000 physicians of African descent reflecting all medical specialties, for parity and justice in medicine, and the elimination of health disparities. The NMA serves as a leading force for equal patient access to high quality medical treatment, while providing excellent continuing medical education (CME) with a focus on disease prevention.

Dr. Morris previously served the NMA as the 107th president of the association in 2006. He has also served as secretary of the Board of Trustees, chair of the Council on Scientific Exhibits, chair of Region III, and chair of the Environmental Health and Bioterrorism Task Force.

He has served a pivotal role in the local Medical community as president of Bluff City Medical Society, as the first Bluff City Ex-Officio member of the Board of the AMA affiliated Memphis Medical Society, and president of the Southwest branch of the American Heart Association. Dr. Morris has been the assistant clinical professor in the Department of Radiology, and is currently an adjunct professor in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Tennessee for Health Sciences. He most recently provided clinical services to veterans at the VA medical system in middle Georgia.

Dr. Morris enjoys a legacy of recognition by his peers for his professional excellence, inspired leadership and dedicated service. He is the recipient of the Physician of the Year award from the Bluff City Medical Society, the President's Award from the Memphis Medical Society, and the Leadership Award from Region III of the NMA.

Active in his community, Dr. Morris is a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and a past president of the Howard University Alumni Association of Memphis. He was selected as a "Man of Excellence" in 2011 by the Tri-State Defender newspaper. Memphis Mayor AC Wharton, Jr., honored him by hosting a special reception proclaiming January 12, 2006, as "Dr. Albert W. Morris, Jr. day". In addition, he was named one of 150 most influential African Americans by Ebony magazine, and one of the "50 Most Powerful Physician Executives in Healthcare" by *Modern Healthcare*, in 2007.

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Dr. Morris is a graduate of Howard University College of Medicine, and he completed his internship and a diagnostic radiology residency at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences. While an instructor in the Department of Radiology, he completed a fellowship in ultrasound and computerized tomography.

Dr. Morris believes that “while the NMA has historically focused on health issues related to African-Americans, its principles, goals, initiatives and philosophy address and benefit all Americans, and the NMA will continue to educate and train our specialists, affiliates, and partners with strategies that address optimal patient health.”

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Founded in 1895, the National Medical Association is the nation’s oldest and largest medical association representing the interests of more than 35,000 African American physicians and their patients. The NMA repeatedly advocates for policies that would assure equitable and quality health care for all people.