[PRC RESOLUTION NO. 85 S. 1992, October 27, 1992]

FULL COMPUTERIZATION OF THE NURSE LICENSURE EXAMINATION

WHEREAS, to further ensure the credibility, integrity, confidentiality, and quality of the nurse licensure examinations, it is judiciously and pragmatically imperative that the conduct or administering thereof be fully computerized i.e., computerization must not only be on the correction and rating of the test papers but also on the preparation and selection of test questions;

WHEREAS the use of different sets of questions as finally randomized by the computers for different rows of examinees will reduce, if not absolutely eliminate, the copying of answers from among seatmates;

WHEREAS this full computerization of the examination questions is a dynamic, progressive direction towards the upgrading of the quality and standard of the nurse licensure examination and is in accord with the Board's power, functions, and responsibilities enshrined in Sec. 6, (a) of PD 223 and in Sec. 4 (d), Art. III of R.A. No. 7164: "Philippine Nursing Act of 1991"; and

WHEREAS this system or process neither divests nor emasculates the Board's power to "determine and prepare the contents of the licensure examination, score, and rate the examination papers" under Sec. 6 (g) of supra Decree and Sec. 4 (b), Art. III of supra Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board, by virtue of Sec. 10, Art. III of R.A. No. 7164, hereby RESOLVED, as it so RESOLVES, to fully computerize the Nurse Licensure Examination starting with the December 1992 schedule under this process, viz.:

1. The Board Members shall prepare a minimum of 1,000 questions for each subject and input these into a Question Bank without prejudice to the increase thereof in future examinations.

2. From the total number of questions, 100 questions shall be randomized in three (3) sets: A, B, and C.

3. Sets of test questions shall be distributed as follows:

Row 1 & 4 examinees — Set A questions

Row 2 & 5 examinees — Set B questions

Row 3 & 6 examinees — Set C questions