

MEDIA ADVISORY

For Further Information call
Reese Stone 202-277-7282

NMA OPENS ANNUAL CONVENTION IN DALLAS

Washington, D.C., July 13, 2006...The National Medical Association will convene its 104th Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly Saturday, August 5 through August 10 in Dallas at the Dallas Convention Center.

Featured speakers during the weeklong convention will include officials from government, medical and pharmaceutical industry, academia, and representatives of the private sector. More than 3,000 physicians from across the country, representing more than 24 medical specialties are expected to attend. The convention will offer dozens of scientific presentations, seminars and research updates, focusing on such topics as electronic medical records, geo coding, obesity, neonatology, aerospace and military medicine, heart disease in women, and the impact of technology on the health care delivery system.

A special forum at the NMA Convention will be the Mazique Symposium, which will be held Saturday, August 5, 2006 at 12:00 PM. This year's topic is: *U.S. Disaster Preparedness: Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina*. With an audience of healthcare professionals, this meeting will explore proactive strategies to improve disaster preparedness.

NMA is also inviting women of Dallas to come to the Adams Mark Hotel Saturday, August 5 at 10:30 AM for **"TEA TALK,"** a free program focusing on health and wellness. Guests will have the opportunity to participate in free health screenings and discuss a host of health issues, including heart disease, fitness nutrition, depression and diabetes. Gifts will be given at the conclusion of the program.

An educational benefit concert featuring Gladys Knight will be held Sunday, August 6, at 8:00 PM at the Hyatt Regency Dallas Hotel. For reservations and ticket information, call 888-744-1449 or visit www.nmanet.org.

