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Patient Empowerment Network Joins the National Health Council

Bothell, WA - Patient Empowerment Network (PEN), a leading organization dedicated to empowering patients through education and advocacy announced its membership in the National Health Council (NHC). This partnership reinforces PEN's commitment to amplifying patient voices and driving positive change in healthcare.

The National Health Council, established over 100 years ago, brings together diverse organizations to forge consensus and drive patient-centered health policy. Its core membership includes the nation's leading patient organizations, professional and membership associations, nonprofit organizations representing voluntary health agencies, and business and industry leaders.

Randy Rutta, Chief Executive Officer of the National Health Council, welcomed PEN to the organization, stating: "The National Health Council welcomes the Patient Empowerment Network (PEN) into our diverse community of members. PEN personifies the NHC motto of Putting Patients First™ and will bring a valuable perspective from the cancer community."

By joining the NHC, PEN will contribute to the collective effort of providing a united voice for the 160 million people living with chronic diseases and disabilities and their family caregivers.

This collaboration will enhance PEN's ability to participate in:

- Shaping patient-centered health policies
- Share and learn best practices in patient advocacy and empowerment
- Collaborate on initiatives promoting access to quality, affordable healthcare
- Expand its reach and impact within the healthcare ecosystem

Tracy Rode, CEO of Patient Empowerment Network, expressed enthusiasm about the new partnership: "Joining the National Health Council is a significant step forward in our mission to empower patients, their care partners, and healthcare providers. We are excited to work alongside other leading organizations to drive meaningful change in healthcare and improve outcomes for patients across the country."

This membership aligns with PEN's long-standing commitment to patient education, advocacy, and support, particularly within the cancer community. As part of the NHC, PEN will continue to focus on its core programs while leveraging the collective strength of the Council to amplify its impact.

For more information about Patient Empowerment Network and its initiatives, please visit www.powerfulpatients.org

About Patient Empowerment Network

Patient Empowerment Network (PEN) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to empowering cancer patients and care partners through health equity and literacy, education and advocacy. PEN provides free online resources and programs to enhance the cancer journey and enable shared decision-making.

About the National Health Council

The National Health Council (NHC) brings diverse organizations together to forge consensus and drive patient-centered health policy. Made up of more than 160 national health-related organizations and businesses, the NHC's core membership includes the nation's leading patient organizations. Other members include health-related associations and nonprofit organizations including the provider, research, and family caregiver communities; and businesses representing biopharmaceutical, device, diagnostic, generic drug, and payer organizations.

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