



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the Empire State places the highest priority on quality health care for all of our residents and appreciates those dedicated professionals who contribute to our state and nation's overall health care delivery system, including 293,151 registered professional nurses, 70,620 licensed practical nurses, and 21,739 nurse practitioners in New York State who hold many levels of expertise and proficiency; and

Whereas, representing the largest component of the statewide and nationwide health care community today, nurses fulfill some of the most challenging responsibilities and key roles within the health care delivery system; and

Whereas, nurses are leading advocates of overall public health whose scope of work encompasses more than 75 specialized areas ranging from neonatal care to gerontology; and

Whereas, as a diversely educated group of professionals, nurses provide indispensable care and expertise in a variety of settings – including large medical centers, local hospitals, outpatient clinics, state and county health departments, psychiatric centers, nursing homes, veterans homes, addiction treatment centers, correctional facilities, medical rehabilitation facilities, residences for individuals with developmental disabilities, adolescent residential and secure facilities, community facilities, schools, colleges and universities, and private offices; and

Whereas, the annual observance of National Nurses Week coincides with the May 12th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, who was the founder of the science of professional nursing and a leader in the development of public health; and

Whereas, this year's observance of National Nurses Week celebrates the theme "Culture of Safety – It Starts with You," recognizing that the nursing profession has been a leader in developing standards for safety and quality going back to the "Nightingale Pledge" of 1893, which helped to establish nursing as an art and a science; and

Whereas, during this weeklong observance, we proudly join to recognize the registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and nurse practitioners in New York State who are committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes for all of their patients;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 6 - 12, 2016 as

NURSES WEEK

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-first day of April in the year two thousand sixteen.

Governor

William J. Mahon
Secretary to the Governor