



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the Empire State places the highest priority on quality health care for all of our citizens and appreciates those dedicated professionals who contribute to our state and nation's overall system of medical care, including 13,480 registered nurses, 4,370 licensed practical nurses, and 1,163 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 medical 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, a diversely-trained group of professionals, nurses provide indispensable care 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, homes for the developmentally disabled, 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 anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale on May 12th; Nightingale is widely regarded as the founder of modern nursing who pioneered methods of treatment for the ill, tended to wounded soldiers during the Crimean War, and developed a training school in London for the education of nurses; and

Whereas, this year's observance of National Nurses Week celebrates the theme "Nurses: Advocating, Leading, Caring," reflecting the level of commitment that nurses demonstrate as they work to promote the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of all people; 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 positive 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, 2012 as

NURSES WEEK

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this seventh day of May in the year two thousand twelve.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor