



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 the 237,444 registered professional nurses, which encompasses 24,716 certified nurse practitioners, and 207 clinical nurse specialists, and the 70,724 licensed practical nurses 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, nursing continues to be one of the most trusted professions and nurses are leading advocates of overall public health whose scope of practice encompasses more than 75 specialties ranging from neonatal care to gerontology, bedside nursing to education, administration, and policy development; 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 the field of public health; and

Whereas, this year's observance of National Nurses Week celebrates the theme "Nurses: Inspire, Innovate, Influence" recognizing that the nursing profession is a leading advocate for health and wellness, and an honorable mission founded upon the high standards set forth in the "Nightingale Pledge" of 1893, which helped to establish nursing as an art and a science; and

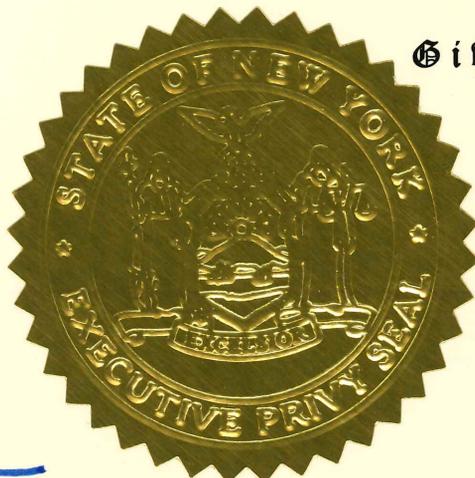
Whereas, the American Nurses Association has designated 2018 as the "Year of Advocacy – At the Bedside and Beyond," highlighting different nurse advocates, tools, tips, and services through a different lens: from local to global, focusing on the impact and contribution of nurses at every level; and

Whereas, during this weeklong observance, we proudly join to recognize the registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, clinical nurse specialists 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, 2018 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 thirtieth day
of April in the year two thousand eighteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa