

THURSTON COUNTY

Proclamation

Nurses Week

WHEREAS, since 1991, National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6 – National Nurses Day – through May 12, Florence Nightingale’s birthday; and

WHEREAS, nearly 84,000 Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners including staff nurses, nurse educators, nurse practitioners, school nurses, public health nurses, long-term care nurses, nurse managers, and nurses in many other practice areas work in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, nurses are public health heroes who make our communities safer and healthier, and contribute to our community as community advocates, educators, and providers of critical health services; and

WHEREAS, nurses provide a timeless commitment to our community 365 days a year; and touch many vulnerable individuals and their families with a caring and competent presence; and

WHEREAS, nurses represent the front line in most health systems including public health; and

WHEREAS, nurses’ contributions are considered crucial to the delivery of effective high quality care with positive, lasting outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association has declared the week of May 6 – 12, 2018 as National Nurses Week, Nurses Inspire, Innovate, Influence.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Thurston County Board of Health hereby proclaims **May 6 – 12, 2018 as Nurses Week** in Thurston County and calls upon all citizens, communities, state agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and businesses to celebrate nursing's accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system, and show our appreciation for the nation's, and our community's, nurses not just during this week, but rather to join us in honoring the many nurses who care for all of us at every opportunity throughout the year.

Adopted this 8th day of May, 2018

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