

THURSTON COUNTY

# Proclamation

## Nurses Week May 6-May 12

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

*WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association, has declared the week of May 6-12, 2019 as National Nurses Week, with the theme “4 Million Reasons to Celebrate,” a nod to nurses’ sheer number, as well as the tagline, “Nurses Inspire, Innovate, Influence”; and*

*WHEREAS, thousands of nurses work in Washington State, including 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; 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, Thurston County nurses are committed to serving our community 365 days a year, and support many vulnerable individuals and their families with a caring and competent presence; and*

*WHEREAS, Thurston County nurses represent the front line of disease prevention, health promotion and achieving optimal health in most health systems including public health; and*

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

*WHEREAS, nurses improve the quality of life in our communities through their tireless efforts to educate, support, and provide important resources to their patients.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Health hereby proclaims **May 6 – 12, 2019 as Nurses Week** in Thurston County and calls upon all citizens, communities, government agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, organizations, and businesses to celebrate nurses’ accomplishments and efforts to improve the health of our residents, and show our appreciation for Thurston County’s nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

Adopted this fourteenth day of May, 2019

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