

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Registered nurses in the United States constitute our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS: The depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meet the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS: A renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

WHEREAS: Professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS: The demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS: More qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

WHEREAS: The cost-effective, safe, and high-quality health care services provided by registered nurses will continue to play an important role in the U.S. health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS: For National Nurses Week, this year's theme is "Four Million Reasons to Celebrate", in celebration of the sheer number of nurses working daily to provide life-saving services and as an open invitation to #ThankANurse for enriching our lives and the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 6th through May 12th, 2019, as

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I invite citizens to join me in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the residents of Arkansas celebrate registered nurses' accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation's registered nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 15th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Attest:

John Thurston
John Thurston, Secretary Of State

Asa Hutchinson
Asa Hutchinson, Governor