



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

NURSES' WEEK
May 6-12, 2017

WHEREAS, since President Reagan's National Proclamation of 1982, May 6th through May 12th has been observed as Nurses' Week, culminating on May 12th – the birthday of Florence Nightingale; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has 217,000 registered nurses with approximately 51,000 licensed practical nurses and 15,500 advanced practice registered nurses, making nursing the largest licensed health care profession in the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA) is the state-wide association that represents the interests of professional registered nurses; and

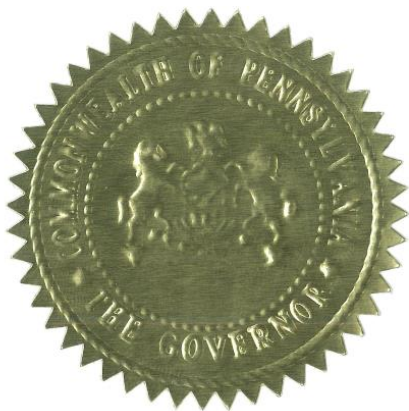
WHEREAS, established in 1903, the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association has been essential in advocating, leading, educating, and connecting nurses to improve health care for patients in Pennsylvania for more than 114 years; and

WHEREAS, PSNA is working diligently to create a healthier commonwealth by relying on increasing the delivery of nursing care through primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, the nursing profession, often described as an art and a science, embraces dedicated individuals with varied interests and strengths united in their passion and commitment to their patients and to improving the quality of health care.

THEREFORE, in recognition of the unique contributions of nurses in Pennsylvania, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2017 as NURSES' WEEK. I encourage all residents to recognize the crucial role nurses play in the health and well-being of all Pennsylvanians.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this first day of May two thousand seventeen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-first.



Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor