



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL NURSES MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to empowering its residents to reach their full potential and lead healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, nurses are an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care for Floridians in need and encounter the emerging health care needs of our citizens in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, nurses comprise our nation's largest health care profession, with more than 500,000 registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses licensed here in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health licenses, monitors, and educates every nurse in the State of Florida, through the Board of Nursing, to ensure safe practice and best care for Floridians; and

WHEREAS, safe, and high-quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an increasingly important component of the United States health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis continues to implement programs to make Florida the number one state in the nation for workforce education by 2030, including funding for the development of workforce pathways, including nursing; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis is making major investments in the recruitment and retention of high quality nurses, their educators, and institutions to curb any predicted future nursing shortages; and

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nurses is due to the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in our communities, including Florida's growing senior population, emerging health challenges, and rapid growth of health care services; and

WHEREAS, the selfless dedication of our nurses to keep our communities safe and healthy will forever be remembered; and

WHEREAS, Floridians should celebrate registered nurses' accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system at every opportunity throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association has proclaimed May as Nurses Month, with the theme "You Make a Difference," to recognize the great contributions and positive impact nurses have in our families, communities, and schools – enriching our lives and improve the communities in which we live.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2022 as *National Nurses Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-two.



Governor