



WHEREAS, the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, in association with the American Nursing Association, National Nurses Week this year will be observed from May 6, 2016 through May 12, 2016, in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and map out the way to improve our health care system; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings, including correctional settings; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality care of patients in the correctional system; and

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging American population and the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies; and

WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in our communities and our institutions; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of Hawai'i's health care delivery system in the future;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 6 – 12, 2016 as

"NATIONAL NURSES WEEK"

in Hawai'i, and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in honoring our registered nurses for their professionalism, high standards and dedication to serving our communities throughout the state.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this fifth day of May 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i