

Proclamation

WHEREAS, four million registered nurses (RN) make up our nation's largest health care profession in the United States; and

WHEREAS, registered nurses meet the emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings including hospitals, outpatient clinics, schools and correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, nurses are indispensable in the safety and quality of care of patients; and

WHEREAS, demand for registered nurse services will become greater than ever as the life span of Americans increase; and

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

WHEREAS, the cost-effective and high-quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an increasingly important part of Hawai'i's health care delivery system; and

WHEREAS, National Nurses Week will be observed May 6-12, 2019 in accordance with the American Nursing Association and its theme, "4 Million Reasons to Celebrate," and to commemorate the birthday of Florence Nightingale, which is on May 12;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and **I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2019 as

"NURSES WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring registered nurses and thanking them for their dedication to providing quality and essential health care services to all patients.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of May 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID V. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i