



Proclamation

WHEREAS, with over 4 million registered nurses in America, the nursing profession is the cornerstone of patient care in our nation and our state; and

WHEREAS, the demand for licensed nursing services is increasing because of our aging population, continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and growth of community and home-based health care services; and

WHEREAS, nurses are leaders in improving the culture, access and quality of health care for individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, nurses are experts in patient-centered care, population health, health care quality and safety, interprofessional partnerships, systems-based practices, and informatics and health care technologies; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 2,600 licensed practical nurses (LPNs), 29,000 registered nurses (RNs), and 1,700 nurse practitioners (APRNs) working in clinics, schools, community health centers, physicians' offices, hospitals, outpatient care facilities, home health care services and nursing care facilities in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, utilization of nurse practitioners and midwives in our state creates a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher quality health care system; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has designated 2020 as the "Year of the Nurse and the Midwife" in honor of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, known as the founder of modern nursing;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the year 2020 as

"YEAR OF THE NURSE"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the importance and indispensable value of professional nursing and the many nurses who are on the front lines of primary care, urgent care and medical crises.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixth day of April 2020.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i