



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, nurses are the cornerstone of patient care in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, Year of the Nurse 2020 is being extended through 2021 as nurses continue to excel, lead and innovate, making a tremendous difference in our society; and

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

**WHEREAS**, there are over 4 million nurses in the United States, of which more than 2,000 licensed practical nurses, 27,700 registered nurses, and 1,800 nurse practitioners are in Hawai'i; and

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

**WHEREAS**, nurses connect individual, team, and organizational safety goals in all healthcare settings, but most of all, nurses connect patients with compassion, hope, understanding, and healing; and

**WHEREAS**, nurses work in a wide range of challenging settings, including correctional facilities where inmates are more likely to experience chronic conditions and infectious diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, professional nursing is an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of patients in the correctional system; and

**WHEREAS**, nurses are the heroes and heroines serving in unprecedented roles as frontline health care professionals for COVID-19 prevention, management, and care;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim May 6–12, 2021 as

## **“NATIONAL NURSES WEEK”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in honoring nurses for their dedication, professionalism, inspiration, compassion, courage, and resilience as they continue to take care of the medical and emotional needs of everyone everywhere.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this third day of May 2021.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i