



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, there are over 4 million nurses in the United States, of which more than 1,500 licensed practical nurses, 16,400 registered nurses, and 1,300 advanced practice registered nurses reside in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, nurses work in all healthcare delivery settings to support the delivery of primary, specialty, and emergency healthcare to the people of our state; and

WHEREAS, nurses are leaders in improving healthcare for all individuals by recognizing and addressing social determinants of health, reducing barriers to healthcare access, and establishing a culture of safety and health for all; and

WHEREAS, nurses provide quality and compassionate healthcare to the most vulnerable in our society including children, the elderly, and persons who are houseless, disabled, gender nonconforming, or struggling with addiction; and

WHEREAS, the demand for nursing services is increasing because of a nursing shortage provoked by the COVID-19 pandemic, the aging of the population, the development of life-prolonging scientific innovations, and the desire for people to receive care in their own homes; and

WHEREAS, nurses are a source of compassion, hope, understanding, and healing for their patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, nurses continue to provide a tremendous benefit to society;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as

"NURSES MONTH"

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 our keiki, kūpuna, 'ohana, and communities.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of April 2022.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i