



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the nearly 3 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession, 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, and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association, as a voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care, and

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources, and

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

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services, and

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

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future, and

WHEREAS, along with the American Nurses Association, the Tennessee Nurses Association recognizes the week of May 6-12 as "National Nurses Week" 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6-12, 2017 as

Nurses Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-first day of February, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Wargot

Secretary of State