



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, registered nurses 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**, 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**, according to Gallup Organization polling, nurses have rated highest among "Americans' Ratings of Honesty and Ethical Standards in Professions" for 17 years in a row; 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 Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6-12, 2019 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 thirteenth day of February, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Lee W. Whitsett*

Secretary of State

