

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** registered nurses in the United States constitute our state's largest health care profession; and
- Whereas,** the depth and breadth of the nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings, including the frontline of the pandemic; and
- Whereas,** the American Nurses Association, as the voice for registered nurses in this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing access to primary and preventive health care, and better utilization of all our nation's nursing resources; and
- Whereas,** professional nursing is an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized and non-hospitalized patients; and
- Whereas,** the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, emerging health challenges, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and
- Whereas,** more registered nurses are needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and
- Whereas,** the cost-effective, safe, and high-quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an increasingly important component of the United States health care delivery system in the future; and
- Whereas,** along with the American Nurses Association, the Vandalia Health System of West Virginia has declared May as Nurses Month, with the theme "You Make a Difference," with appreciation for nurses' unparalleled impact during the pandemic, and their contributions to health care, and an open invitation to #ThankaNurse for enriching our lives and the world we live in.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 2023* as:

Nurses Month: You Make a Difference

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to celebrate registered nurses' accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation's registered nurses not just during this month, but at every opportunity throughout the year.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fourteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State