



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA NURSES WEEK

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

WHEREAS, Florida has nearly 390,000 practicing registered and licensed practical nurses, and

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

WHEREAS, public health nursing provides services within the community to improve the overall health of the area, and

WHEREAS, professional nurses are positioned to play a vital role in the reduction of substance abuse as related to opioids through their ability to recognize signs of potential abuse, manage patients fighting addiction, and provide patient education.

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

WHEREAS, professional nurses offer innovation that reduces cost and enhances the effectiveness of the health care system, and

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

WHEREAS, more qualified nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 6-12, 2018, as *Florida Nurses Week*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 30th day of April, in the year two thousand eighteen.


Governor