



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA BOARD OF NURSING CENTENNIAL

WHEREAS, the Florida Board of Nursing's purpose is to protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in Florida through ensuring minimal requirements for the safe practice of nursing; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Board of Nursing joins with the Florida Department of Health in protecting the public through health care licensure, enforcement, and information; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Board of Nursing oversees the regulation of 17,958 Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, 99 Clinical Nurse Specialists, 256,600 Registered Nurses, 77,941 Licensed Practical Nurses, and 201,667 Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA); and the Board has oversight of 314 approved nursing education programs and 362 approved CNA training programs; and

WHEREAS, these nurse providers are employed across the state in many settings, including hospitals; rehabilitation and nursing homes; physician offices and community clinics; schools, colleges, and universities; public health departments; prisons; mental health clinics; the home health care industry; and the military; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Board of Nursing is comprised of thirteen members, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate, and

WHEREAS, in 1913, the Florida General Assembly established the first Florida State Board of Examiners for Nurses, with the original bill requiring the registration of nurses and the approval of nursing programs, and the first meeting of the Board was August 30, 1913; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Board of Nursing is recognized for one hundred years of dedicated work toward protection of the public through the regulation of nursing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing 2013 as the *Florida Board of Nursing Centennial*.



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 19th day of March, in the year two thousand thirteen.

A blue ink signature of Rick Scott, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.
Governor