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NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

Registered nurses in the United States and our Territory constitute our nation's largest health care profession. The depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meet the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings.

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 delivery of primary and preventive health care.

A renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources. Professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients.

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 technologies, and the explosive growth of home health care services.

More qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community.

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

Along with the American Nurses Association, the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center and the Roy Lester Schneider Hospital has declared the week of May 6–12 as National Nurses Week, with the theme "*Nurses Inspire, Innovate, Influence,*" in celebration of the

ways in which registered nurses advocate for high-quality patient care and to map out the way to improve our health care system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Kenneth E. Mapp, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, of the Virgin Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6 through May 12, 2018 as National Nurses Week.

I ask that all residents of this Territory and the people of our Nation to join me in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us and that the residents of the U.S. Virgin Islands 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 week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States to be affixed at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this 29th day of April, 2018, A.D.



Kenneth E. Mapp
Governor

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Lieutenant Governor