



Snohomish Health District Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6 and ends on May 12, which is the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing; and

WHEREAS, more than 3.8 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, more than 68,000 registered nurses hold active licenses in Washington State and are an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care and hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, a nurse was one of the first public health employees in Snohomish County in 1913, and the Snohomish Health District has been relying on its nurses to protect and promote the health of our residents ever since; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the Washington population in a wide range of settings, including hospitals, clinics, schools, and public health and long-term care facilities; and

WHEREAS, nurses across Snohomish County have served on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, putting their own wellbeing and lives on the line to care for patients and families; and

WHEREAS, along with the American Nurses Association, the Washington State Nurses Association has declared May as Nurses Month, with the theme "You Make a Difference," a nod to nurses' sheer numbers, their unparalleled impact during the pandemic and health care, and an open invitation to #ThankaNurse for enriching our lives and the world we live in;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Snohomish Health District Board of Health recognizes and honors the nurses of Snohomish County, and encourages all people to extend their gratitude and appreciation to nurses for the selfless work they do and for the positive influence they have on our community.

ADOPTED this 11th day of May 2021

Stephanie Wright, Chair, Board of Health



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