



Snohomish County Health Department

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, the Snohomish County Health Department Board of Health wishes to recognize and honor these vital healthcare professionals for their ongoing dedication and hard work; 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 County Health Department 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 residents of Snohomish County in a wide range of settings, including hospitals, clinics, schools, public health and long-term care facilities; 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



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WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association 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 the Snohomish County 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 9th day of May 2023.

Megan Dunn, Chair, Board of Health



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