

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK
May 6 to May 12, 2024

- Whereas,** registered nurses in the United States constitute our nation's largest health care profession; and
- Whereas,** the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings, including the frontline of the pandemic; and
- Whereas,** 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 access to primary and preventive health care, and better utilization of all our nation's registered nursing resources; and
- Whereas,** professional nursing is an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized and non-hospitalized patients; 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
- Whereas,** more qualified registered nurses are needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and
- Whereas,** the cost-effective, safe, and high-quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an increasingly important component of the United States health care delivery system in the future; and
- Whereas,** along with the American Nurses Association, the Massachusetts Nurses Association has declared May 6-12 as Nurses Week, with the theme "Nurses Make the 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; and so
- Now,**
Therefore, I, Gina-Louise Sciarra, Mayor of Northampton, declare the week of May 6 to May 12, 2024 to be

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and ask that all residents of our community join me in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us. Let us 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 set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Northampton on this 11th day of May 2024.


Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra