



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota places a high priority on high-quality health care and greatly appreciates the 116,685 dedicated and professional licensed nurses in the state; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Nurses Association effectively pursues its mission to promote the professional, economic, and personal well-being of nurses; upholds and advances excellence, integrity, and autonomy in the practice of nursing; and advocates for high-quality care that is accessible and affordable for patients and consumers; and
- WHEREAS: Registered nurses meet the different and emerging needs of Minnesotans in a wide range of settings, including large medical centers, local hospitals, outpatient clinics, psychiatric centers, nursing homes, veterans homes, addiction treatment centers, correctional facilities, medical rehab facilities, homes for the developmentally disabled, adolescent residential and secure facilities, community facilities, schools, and private offices; and
- WHEREAS: The cost-effective and high-quality health care services provided by registered nurses continue to be an important component of Minnesota's health care delivery system. More qualified registered nurses will be needed to meet the renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care and the increasingly complex needs of consumers; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Nurses Association has declared the week of May 6-12, 2014, as Nurses Week to coincide with the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, with the theme "Nurses Care."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6-12, 2014, as:

## NURSES WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May.



  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE