



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Proclamation*

WHEREAS, the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the U.S. comprise 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; and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, 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 technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

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

WHEREAS, the Division of Healthcare Services of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs has declared the week of May 6-12 as Nurses Week with the theme "Nurses: Advocating, Leading, Caring" in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and map out the way to improve our health care system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

**MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 12, 2012**

AS

**NURSES WEEK**

AND

**MAY 9, 2012**

AS

**SCHOOL NURSES DAY**

in New Jersey and ask all residents of this state to join me in honoring these dedicated professionals.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this first day of May in the year two thousand twelve, the two hundred thirty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States.



*Kim Guadagno*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

*Chris Christie*  
GOVERNOR