

Proclamation



PROCLAMATION HONORING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK MAY 6 – MAY 12, 2021

WHEREAS, each May, nurses are honored with a weeklong national celebration. Nurses Week honors nurses for the dedication, care, and skill they demonstrate every day; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation on March 25, proclaiming “National Recognition Day for Nurses” to be May 6, 1982. The American Nurses Association Board of Directors expanded the recognition of nurses to a week-long celebration, declaring May 6-12, 1991 as National Nurses Week; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Nurses Week has taken on an even greater significance as it recognizes the extraordinary work nurses all over the world have done in combatting the Covid-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, last year, 2020 was designated the “Year of the Nurse.” The American Nurse Association and the World Health Organization have extended that celebration into 2021; and

WHEREAS, nurses met the challenge of an unimaginable pandemic, demonstrating courage, compassion, dedication and leadership in caring for people across the nation; and

WHEREAS, nurses and their families have sacrificed to provide safe and quality care to very ill hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 3.8 million registered nurses in the United States, representing the nation’s largest healthcare profession; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, do hereby recognize May 6 – 12, 2021, as **NATIONAL NURSES WEEK** in the City of Jackson and across the nation. I encourage all in the community to join me in honoring our Healthcare Heroes who care for us every day.

Given under my hand and seal of the City of Jackson, Mississippi,

the 10th day of May 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chokwe A. Lumumba', is written over a horizontal line.

Chokwe A. Lumumba