



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States 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 preventative 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY EZARD, Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2016 as **NATIONAL NURSES WEEK** with the theme "**Cultures of Safety; It starts with you**" in the City of Jacksonville and ask that all residents of this community join me in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us and celebrate registered nursing's 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 hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Jacksonville to be affixed this 6th day of May 2016.



Andy Ezard

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Mayor