  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION**

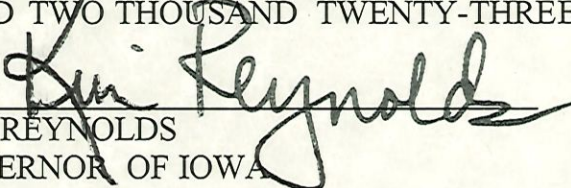
- WHEREAS**, nearly 4.2 million registered nurses in the United States constitute our nation's largest health care profession; and
- WHEREAS**, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; 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 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 Iowa; 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**, we appreciate nurses' unparalleled dedication, commitment, and contributions to health care all day, every day; and
- WHEREAS**, in the month of May, the birth month of Florence Nightingale, we honor nurses working to make Iowa a healthier, better place to live.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of Iowa, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as:**


**Nurses Month**



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE  
HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND  
CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF  
IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES  
THIS FIRST DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR  
LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE.

  
KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
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PAUL PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE