

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

To ALL To WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

- WHEREAS, The American Nurses Association is the only full-service professional organization representing the nation's 2.7 million registered nurses (RNs), advancing the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the economic and general welfare of nurses in the workplace; and
- WHEREAS, over 77,000 RNs and 24,000 Licensed Practical Nurses comprise Indiana's largest health care profession; and
- WHEREAS, the demand for educating and training qualified nurses 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 depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of all Hoosiers in a wide range of settings; and
- WHEREAS, professional nursing is an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care for patients and families; and
- WHEREAS, for over 100 years, the Indiana State Nurses Association has provided strong leadership, continuing education and service to Indiana's dedicated and professional nurses; and
- WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Nurses: Many Roles, One Profession," which officially begins May 6 and ends on May 12, Florence Nightingale's birthday, reminds us of the daily focus nurses bring to their profession as they strive to provide safe, high-quality patient care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2005, as

NURSES WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana at the Capitol in Indianapolis on this 24th day of March, 2005.



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor of Indiana



ATTEST:

Todd Rokita
Secretary of State