



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New Yorkers come together to recognize our nation's many registered nurses who utilize their vast expertise and skills to contribute to our overall health care delivery system and ensure the best possible outcomes for all of their patients; and

Whereas, in New York State, this diverse community is comprised of more than 480,000 registered nurses as well as thousands more nurse practitioners, practical nurses, and licensed midwives; these individuals are the cornerstone of medical care as well as leaders in advocacy and technology that serves those patients that they have sworn to support; and

Whereas, nurses operate with a tireless spirit of purpose and heartfelt care for others, and their service is always needed to help provide safe and supportive medical environments for all people; this need is predicted to increase in the future due to our aging population, the expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the growth of home aid services; as such, New York created the Nurses of Our Future Scholarship Program and the Nurses Across New York loan repayment program to recruit and retain members of this essential workforce; and

Whereas, these women and men have enhanced health care policy for the benefit of both their fellow professionals in order to secure their rights in the workplace and provide a range of reliable, affordable, and high-quality treatments to their patients, as such directly affecting widespread health outcomes in their communities; and

Whereas, we now extend gratitude and commendations to our state's nurses for their steadfast commitment to meeting the complex and evolving health care needs of people in diverse settings with compassion, bravery, and respect;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as

NURSES MONTH

in the Empire State.

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day
of May in the year two thousand twenty-six.

Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh



Governor