

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

Whereas, 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, the American Nurses Association, as the voice for registered nurses in this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing access to primary and preventive health care; and

Whereas, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require better utilization of all our nation's registered nursing resources; and

Whereas, professional nursing is an indispensable component of 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 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 this community; 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, along with the American Nurses Association, the Wisconsin Nurses Association has declared May as Nurses Month, with the theme "You Make a Difference," a nod to nurses' sheer numbers, their unparalleled impact during the pandemic and health care, and an open invitation to #ThankaNurse for enriching our lives and the world we live in.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Satya Rhodes-Conway, Mayor of Madison, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the **month of May, 2021** as

NURSES MONTH

and ask all residents of this community join me in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us, celebrate registered nurses' accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation's registered nurses not just during this month, but at every opportunity throughout the year.



Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway

Signed and sealed this 1st day of May, 2021 at City Hall