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Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NURSES WEEK
MAY 6-12, 2016

WHEREAS, nearly 3.4 million registered nurses in the U.S. 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 registered nurses in the U.S., is working to chart a new course for a healthier nation that relies more heavily on primary and preventative care; and


WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever in the future due to an aging American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, along with the American Nurses Association, the North Dakota Nurses Association encourages North Dakotans to observe "*Culture of Safety—It Starts With You*" in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2016, **NURSES WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State