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National Nurses Month PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the 90,000 registered nurses in Wisconsin constitute Wisconsin'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 Waukesha's population in a wide range of settings, and

Whereas, Waukesha's registered nursing workforce is meeting the challenge of the COVID-19 public health emergency by demonstrating their knowledge of science, compassion, value and respect of every patient, their family and coworkers

Whereas, the Wisconsin Nurses Association, as the voice for registered nurses in this state, is working to chart a new course for a healthy Wisconsin 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 as demonstrated during the COVID-19 emergency, and

Whereas, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the Wisconsin population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, the explosive growth of home health care and telehealth services, and a continued presence in long term facilities, and

Whereas, more qualified registered and advanced practice 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 supporting access to Waukesha's 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 "Nurses Make a Difference" a nod to nurses'



sheer numbers, their unparalleled impact on health and health care, and an open invitation to #ThankaNurse for enriching our lives and the world we live in.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Shawn Reilly, Mayor of the City of Waukesha, ask that all residents of Waukesha join me in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the residents of Waukesha celebrate registered nurses' accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system before, during and after the COVID-19 emergency

NATIONAL NURSES MONTH

Signed this 4th day of May, 2021

Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor City of Waukesha