

RESOLUTION NO. 2020

***RELATIVE TO DECLARING MAY 6 – 12, 2020
AS “PROFESSIONAL NURSES WEEK”***

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WHEREAS, since President Ronald Reagan’s National Proclamation in 1982, the week of May 6 through May 12 has been observed as “National Nurses Week”, culminating on May 12, the birth date of Florence Nightingale; and

WHEREAS, in New York state there are nearly 30,000 nurses among the four distinct nursing professions of Registered Professional Nurse, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Licensed Practical Nurse and Nurse Practitioner, making nursing the largest licensed healthcare profession in the state; and

WHEREAS, the nursing profession, often described as both an art and science, embraces dedicated individuals with varied interests and strengths united in their passion for and commitment to both their patient and the improvement of the quality of healthcare; and

WHEREAS, as nurses are there for us across the spectrum of our lifespan, ushering in life at birth and allowing for a dignified death, we must ensure that they get the recognition that they deserve, especially as our community, our nation and the entire world battles through the Covid-19 crisis; and

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WHEREAS, Covid-19, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has broadly spread throughout New York State, significantly increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

WHEREAS, we know that in providing care to those suffering from Covid-19, thousands of nurses and healthcare workers across the state have been exposed or have contracted the virus, and, tragically, many have died; and

WHEREAS, these modern-day heroes continue to risk their lives while helping to save the lives of others on the front line in the battle against Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, we are cognizant that the compassionate, safe and quality healthcare services provided by nurses will be an even more important component of the American healthcare delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation, the City of Niagara Falls has declared the week of May 6 - 12, 2020 as “Professional Nurses Week” to celebrate and recognize the ways in which nurses lead the charge for health and wellness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that both the City Council and Mayor Robert M. Restaino of the City of Niagara Falls wish to honor the nurses who care for us all by proclaiming the week of May 6-12, 2020 as “Professional Nurses Week” in the City of Niagara Falls to celebrate nursing’s many accomplishments and efforts to improve our healthcare system and to show our appreciation for professional nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.