

Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, nearly 5 million professional nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, more than 5,000 professional nurses provide compassionate care and healing throughout Bergen County via our six major medical facilities and our local communities; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession has faced unprecedented times and have sacrificed so much to meet the challenges of an unimaginable pandemic, we have witnessed courage, compassion, dedication, and leadership in caring for all people; and

WHEREAS, the demand for professional nursing services are greater than ever because of the complex healthcare challenges of COVID-19 patients as well as the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology and new discoveries, nursing skills in turn must become more sophisticated and more highly specialized; and

WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in our county, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, President Richard M. Nixon issued a proclamation recognizing May 6-12 as National Nurses Week in celebration of the ways in which professional nurses lead the charge for health and wellness as well as honoring the founder of modern nursing Florence Nightingale who was born on May 12, 1820.

WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation on March 25, 1982 proclaiming "National Recognition Day for Nurses" to be May 6.

WHEREAS, the residents of New Milford respect and support the professional nurses who live in our community and who work to improve our health care system and the lives of our residents in our borough and our schools; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Mayor Michael Putrino, Mayor of the Borough of New Milford, hereby proclaim May 6 to 12, 2021 as

## NURSES WEEK

in New Milford and ask all residents and businesses of our community to join us in honoring our professional nurses who are also our Healthcare Heroes and show our appreciation for professional nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.



  
Mayor Michael Putrino