

(DATE)

The Honorable **(GOVERNOR'S NAME)**

(ADDRESS)

(CITY, STATE, ZIP)

Dear Governor **(NAME)**:

On behalf of the 1850 members of the Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association, I am writing to urge your public support for local flight and transport nurses here in (STATE) and across the nation by declaring February 18, **(CURRENT YEAR)** Critical Care Transport Nurses Day.

On February 18, 1943, the first class of flight nurses marched from the base chapel after graduating from their specialized course of medical training at Bowman Field in Louisville, Kentucky. On this day, the new field of transport nursing emerged as a specialty as both the Army and Navy instituted flight nurse programs. These nurses were trained to care for wounded soldiers during transport on converted cargo planes and on the field of battle. Since that time, nurses have expanded their role in this field to include the civilian sector, responding to care for patients in ambulances, helicopters and airplanes.

Throughout **(STATE)** nurses are part of the team providing care to critically ill and injured patients at the scene of accidents and during transport between facilities in aircraft and ambulances. These professionals bring the skills of a critical care nurse to the patient, providing care and comfort during transport.

(INSERT BOILER PLATE PARAGRAPH ABOUT SPONSOR ORGANIZATION PARTICULAR INTEREST/EXPERIENCE WITH ISSUE)

We urge you to join us in support of Critical Care Transport Nurses Day and recognize the vital role these professionals play in the care of the citizens of **(STATE)**.

Sincerely,