STATE OF OREGON

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: Nearly 45,000 Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses serve Oregonians every day; and

WHEREAS: Oregon nurses provide a disproportionate share of patient care and services across a spectrum of care settings and remain our nation’s most trusted profession; and

WHEREAS: The nursing profession is one that applies science, theory, clinical practice, and ethics to promote individual and public health optimization; and

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in 2020 and continues today, has resulted in more than 550,000 deaths, nationwide; and

WHEREAS: Oregon nurses demonstrated courage, compassion, dedication, and leadership in caring for our impacted communities, at great risk and personal sacrifice; and

WHEREAS: The World Health Organization designated 2020 the Year of the Registered Nurse and Midwife, and designated 2021 the Year of Health and Care Workers, in recognition of the worldwide impact of our nursing professionals; and

WHEREAS: The American Nurses Association has declared the week of May 6-12 as National Nurses Week in recognition of the professional integrity and essential value of our nursing workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2021 as NURSES WEEK

We encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, May 3, 2021.

Kate Brown, Governor

Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State