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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
May 12, 2021, as School Nurse Day in the State of
New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to inform key audiences about the role and value of school nurses in caring for our most precious resource, our youth; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 12, 2021, as School Nurse Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National School Nurse Day; and

WHEREAS, Since 1972, National School Nurse Day has been set aside to recognize school nurses; and

WHEREAS, National School Nurse Day was established to foster a better understanding of the role of school nurses in the educational setting; and

WHEREAS, Students are the future and, by investing in them today, we are ensuring our world for tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Families deserve to feel confident that their children will be cared for when they are at school; and

WHEREAS, All students have a right to have their physical and mental health needs safely met while in the school setting; and

WHEREAS, Students today face more complex and life-threatening health problems requiring care in school; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the essential role school nurses play in student health and academic success; and

WHEREAS, School nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and in ensuring student's academic success for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, School nurses address the home and community factors (e.g., social determinants) that impact students' health; and

WHEREAS, School nurses act as a liaison to the school community, families, and healthcare providers on behalf of children's health by promoting wellness and improving health outcomes for our nation's children; and

WHEREAS, School nurses support the health and educational success of

children and youth by providing access to care when children's cognitive development is at its peak; and

WHEREAS, School nurses are members of school-based teams such as school health services, 504/ IEP, and disaster/emergency planning to address the school population; and

WHEREAS, School nurses understand the link between health and learning and are able to make a positive difference for children every day; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to join the National Association of School Nurses in celebrating and acknowledging the accomplishments of school nurses everywhere and their efforts of meeting the needs of today's students by improving the delivery of health care in our schools, and offering gratitude for school nurses who contribute to our local communities by helping students stay healthy, in school, and ready to learn, and keeping parents and guardians at work, not just on School Nurse Day, but at every opportunity throughout the year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 12, 2021, as School Nurse Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.