



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SCHOOL NURSE DAY

- WHEREAS:** Students in Georgia have an advocate for their health needs while at school. All students have a right to an education, despite any medical issues that require attention while at school, and school nurses are uniquely qualified to provide a critical safety net for students; and
- WHEREAS:** School nurses provide care to medically fragile students, as well as, students who have acute illnesses, and injuries; and
- WHEREAS:** Families deserve to feel confident that their children are always protected and cared for while in school by a licensed and qualified school nurse who is an integral part of the educational setting; and
- WHEREAS:** School nurses consistently address student, staff, and parental concerns for safety daily, and have throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, acting as a liaison to the school community, parents, and health care providers; and
- WHEREAS:** School nurses expand their knowledge base and follow current DPH and CDC recommendations during the pandemic to be a resource for the school and community; and
- WHEREAS:** Students are the future and helping them achieve, even during a pandemic or health crisis, takes many team members and the school nurse plays an important role as a member of the educational team; and
- WHEREAS:** School nurses promote health and wellness in the student population to instill healthy habits that will provide a healthier future for the community; and
- WHEREAS:** School nurses have served in a critical role to ensure physical, and mental wellbeing and safety to staff, as well as maximize educational success of students. School nurses serve alongside the education staff to provide the support needed; and
- WHEREAS:** School nurses have been on the front lines amid a pandemic, helped implement and oversee school response to said pandemic, collaborating to implement mitigation measures to ensure the health and safety of all affected, making a positive difference for students every day; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2021 as SCHOOL NURSE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF