

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

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 (e.g., school health services, 504/IEP, disaster/emergency planning) to address the school population; and

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

Whereas, School nurses should be celebrated for their efforts in meeting the needs of today's students by improving the delivery of health care in our schools; and

Whereas, School nurses 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 this MA School Nurse Day 2021, but at every opportunity throughout the year,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim
May 12th, 2021, to be,

MA SCHOOL NURSE DAY

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of May, in the year two thousand and twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

BY HIS EXCELLENCE

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH