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SHERIFF OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALLIN

LETTER WRITING TO THE GOVERNMENT

MARCH 20, 2023

MA SCHOOL NURSE DAY

May 11, 2023, to be

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHARLES M. BAKER, GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

WHEREAS, School nurses are among the nation’s first responders in schools and are in a position to make a positive difference in addressing the school population's health and development as part of the Commonwealth's goal to ensure a healthy and educated student population;

WHEREAS, School nurses provide critical health education, support and access to care, and

WHEREAS, School nurses play a vital role in improving students’ health and academic success;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of school nurses in student health and academic achievement;

WHEREAS, few students receive a thorough physical and mental health needs assessment while in school;

WHEREAS, School nurses have a critical role to help identify physical and mental health needs early and where in the school setting and

WHEREAS, School nurses can offer interventions that help children who are at risk;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 11, 2023, SCHOOL NURSE DAY.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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