

## Action Alert

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## From NFDW President Cindy Jenks:

Our country is celebrating National Nurses Week May 6<sup>th</sup> - May 12<sup>th</sup>. This celebration begins on May 6<sup>th</sup> because that is the date of Florence Nightingale's birthday. May 8<sup>th</sup> has been designated as National Student Nurses Day. National School Nurses Day is celebrated on the Wednesday within this week. The nursing profession has been supported and promoted by the American Nurses Association (ANA) since 1896.

The hard-fought battles that nurses have endured during the pandemic of 2020 have highlighted the many daily demands that these frontline professionals must undertake. Their skill sets, coupled with their compassion, have helped thousands of people suffering and in pain with COVID-19.

"We can never tell our nurses and other front-liners 'Thank you' enough, but NFDW is taking a strong stand to show our appreciation and support. We are calling on our members to reach out to the nurses in their individual communities," stated NFDW President Cindy Jenks.

"Expressing our appreciation for our nurses' hard work as they put their own lives on the line during this pandemic is so very important. We also want to ask our nurses to share with us ways that we can further show support for them. NFDW will transmit this document to the American Nurses Association," concluded President Jenks.