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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1438

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NURSE'S DAY, DECLARING JUNEAU NURSE'S DAY, AND COMMENDING JUNEAU'S NURSES FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the modern nursing profession was founded by the English nurse Florence Nightingale during the 1850's, and

WHEREAS, nurses work in a variety of settings, including public health programs, nursing homes, medical clinics, doctor's offices, hospitals, schools, and the armed forces, and

WHEREAS, the well-being of patients is of first importance to nurses; they take time to reassure worried patients and their families and boost their morale; nurses are taught to recognize and understand patients' needs and to provide emotional support as well as physical care; they maintain a watchful eye on patients and keep track of any changes in physical condition, mental attitude, or reaction to drugs or other treatment, and

WHEREAS, nurses demonstrate many valuable traits, including self-reliance, good judgment, patience, tact, honesty, responsibility, and ability to work easily with others, and

WHEREAS, in addition to caring for the sick, nurses help healthy people stay well and they teach children and adults to protect themselves against disease, and

WHEREAS, nurses hired by Bartlett Memorial Hospital are from all over the United States and they bring to Juneau the shared resource of their expertise, skills, and experience which benefits our local community and patients who come to Juneau from throughout Southeast Alaska, and

WHEREAS, even though Bartlett Memorial Hospital is a small hospital by national standards, the nurses provide a full range of services working round-the-clock shifts; for example, the hospital nursing staff has the education and ability to stabilize a patient so that, if necessary, the patient can be transported to a larger facility in the Lower 48, and

WHEREAS, student nurses study such subjects as anatomy, chemistry, nutrition, pharmacology, physiology, psychology, and sociology, as well as the fundamentals of nursing care, and

WHEREAS, Bartlett Memorial Hospital offers 100 hours of continuing education units each year to local nurses to assist them in keeping up-to-date on the latest developments in the medical field, and

WHEREAS, May 7, 1990, is National Nurse's Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

That the Assembly does hereby recognize May 7, 1990, as National Nurse's Day and declares it to be Juneau Nurse's Day. The Assembly further commends Juneau's nurses for their dedication and invaluable service to the residents of the City and Borough of Juneau and Southeast Alaska.

Adopted this 16th day of April, 1990.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk

PROPOSED MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution 1438:

The nurses of Juneau provide an invaluable service to this community and patients who come to Juneau from throughout Southeast Alaska. May 7, 1990, is National Nurse's Day. This resolution is presented in honor of Juneau's nurses and commends them for their dedication and service to the residents of the City and Borough of Juneau and Southeast Alaska. It recognizes May 7 as National Nurse's Day and also declares it to be Juneau Nurse's Day.

I recommend that this resolution be adopted.

BJB/mjm
Assembly Meeting: 04/16/90