



## Legislation Text

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### **Fiscal Note**

No fiscal impact.

### **Title**

Honoring Hospitals, Nurses, and Healthcare Workers for National Hospital and Healthcare Week and National Nurses Week

### **Body**

WHEREAS, National Hospital Day was first established in 1921, as the country was recovering from the flu epidemic of 1918-1919; and,

WHEREAS, National Hospital Day became National Hospital Week in 1953 in honor of the work of Florence Nightingale; and,

WHEREAS, May 6 through May 12, 2021, is National Nurses Week, which was originally established in 1954; and,

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, area health care workers assumed new roles, developed and implemented new protocols and processes, worked diligently to conserve precious resources including personal protective equipment, while showing our community compassion through their resilience and ingenuity in the face of uncertainty and high stress; and,

WHEREAS, the pandemic has caused untold stress on our health care facilities and health care workers who have performed courageously and tirelessly; and,

WHEREAS, according to an article in the Lancet, even outside of a pandemic, "under usual working conditions, severe burnout syndrome affects as many as 33% of critical care nurses and up to 45% of critical care physicians"; and,

WHEREAS, according to a survey of healthcare workers by Mental Health America, "93% of health care workers were experiencing stress, 86% reported experiencing anxiety, 77% reported frustration, 76% reported exhaustion and burnout, and 75% said they were overwhelmed"; and,

WHEREAS, all who remain safe and healthy owe a debt of gratitude to those whose sacrifices make our health and safety possible; and,

WHEREAS, in February 2021, the Madison Common Council and Mayor issued a resolution offering the City's deepest appreciation and heartfelt support for the health care providers and staff, public health staff, and first responders, who are working to keep our communities and our state healthy; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Madison recognizes the week of May 10, 2021, as National Hospital and Healthcare Week and May 6-12, 2021, as National Nurses Week in honor of the healthcare workers who have dedicated their lives to caring for our health.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Madison Common Council and Mayor thank hospitals, nurses and healthcare workers for all that they do for the city and its residents.

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