

PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF BISCOE

National Nurses Proclamation Week 2020

May 6 - May 12, 2020

WHEREAS: Florence Nightingale, born in 1820, is known as the founder of modern nursing; and

WHEREAS: Clara Barton, a nurse who earned the nickname "angel in the battlefield" during the Civil War, went on to create the American Red Cross in 1881; and

WHEREAS: today, there are more than 3.9 million professionally active RNs and licensed practical nurses in the United States; and

WHEREAS: nursing is the nation's largest health care profession and one of the largest workforces in the United States; and

WHEREAS: nearly 20% of all registered nurses in the United States holds a master's degree; and

WHEREAS: there are over 160,000 registered and licensed practical nurses in North Carolina and over 1,600 in Wayne County; and

WHEREAS: the first National Nurses Week in the U.S. was held Oct. 11-16, 1954, in observance of the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's mission to Crimea; and

WHEREAS: National Nurses Week was designated by the White House and President Nixon in 1974, and has been recognized each year from May 6 to May 12; and

WHEREAS: nurses are on the frontlines of a world pandemic and face unprecedented times; and

WHEREAS: nurses are considered the most trustworthy of all professions in the United States.

NOW THEREFORE, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 6 to May 12, 2020 as **Nurses Week in the Town of Biscoe** and commends this observance to our citizens.

Adopted this 11th day of May 2020.



Attest:

W. Eddie Reynolds

W. Eddie Reynolds, Honorable Mayor of Biscoe

Laura B. Morton

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