



# CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

## **NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY**

**WHEREAS**, school nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and in ensuring students' academic success for more than 100 years; and

**WHEREAS**, school nurses are professionals who advance the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievements of all students; and

**WHEREAS**, school nurses help address the home and community factors (e.g., social determinants) that impact students' health; and

**WHEREAS**, students are the future and, by investing in them today, we are ensuring the betterment of our world tomorrow; and

**WHEREAS**, school nurses act as liaisons to the school community, families, and healthcare providers on behalf of children by promoting their wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, school nurses understand the link between health and learning and make a positive impact on children every day; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the essential role school nurses play in student health and academic success; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Virginia Department of Education celebrate and acknowledge school nurses and honor their efforts to deliver care that keeps students healthy and ready to learn;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize May 12, 2021, as **NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth