



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA SCHOOL NURSE DAY

WHEREAS, children are the future and by investing in them today we are ensuring a healthier tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, all of Florida's 2.8 million students in 3,701 schools need to have their health needs safely met while in the school setting; and

WHEREAS, in 2016-2017 there were 724,573 reported student health conditions in Florida schools, some of them requiring complex procedures and life-saving care during the school day; and

WHEREAS, school nurses are registered professionals who not only manage the day-to-day health and safety of students at school, but also serve as gatekeepers to promote student access to health care services in their communities; and

WHEREAS, registered professional school nurses provide services that range from vision and hearing screenings to complex medical procedures, medication administration, sick care, first aid and prevention of communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, registered professional school nurses are uniquely positioned to reduce health barriers to learning which helps Florida's students to graduate and become self-supporting adults;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 9, 2018, as *Florida School Nurse Day* and commend all of Florida's registered school nurses for their professionalism and dedication and encourage Floridians to learn more about the work of the registered school nurses who care for our children.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 30th day of April, in the year two thousand eighteen.


Governor