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Kansas State Board of Nursing Celebrates National Nurses Week 2026

Topeka, Kansas — May 5, 2026 — In celebration of National Nurses Week 2026, the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) proudly joins the American Nurses Association (ANA) in honoring the invaluable contributions of nurses to healthcare, families, and communities. With the support of a Proclamation from Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, KSBN is celebrating National Nurses Week from May 6 to May 12, 2026. The Proclamation from the Governor highlights this year's theme, "**The Power of Nurses**," which shines a spotlight on the crucial role nurses play in shaping the future of healthcare, driving innovation, and transforming patient care.

2026 marks a significant milestone as the ANA has proclaimed this year as "The Year of The Power of Nurses," celebrating 130 years of advancing the profession.

"Nurses are the backbone of our healthcare system, demonstrating immense integrity and respect every single day," said Adrian Guerrero, KSBN Director of Operations. "During this National Nurses Week, we are not just saying thank you; we are recognizing the profound, tangible power nurses have to transform lives and improve health outcomes for all Kansans. At the Kansas State Board of Nursing, we are incredibly grateful for the beautiful gift every nurse in Kansas is to the people of Kansas."

Throughout the week, KSBN is celebrating KSBN nursing staff and all nurses with these activities:

- **Outreach to nurse leaders in Kansas;**
- **Convening Kansas nursing leadership organizations;**
- **Highlighting and celebrating nurses working in Kansas; and**
- **Promotion of free resources from KSBN to benefit nurses in Kansas and institutions which employ nurses in Kansas.**

KSBN encourages all Kansans to recognize nurses who have made a difference in their lives. The public can show their appreciation by submitting notes of gratitude on our social media pages using **#ThePowerOfNurses** and **#NursesWeek2026**.

"As we confront the challenges of nursing regulation in Kansas in the next years, the beautiful gifts of Kansas nurses to educate, advocate, and heal are more necessary than ever," added Guerrero.

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The mission of the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) is to protect and promote the welfare of the people of Kansas.

The vision of the Board is to uphold the highest standards and secure the public trust.

The Core Values of KSBN are integrity, transparency, respect, collaboration and growth.

Since 1913 the KSBN has championed the four pillars of the regulation of professional and practical practice of nursing through Legislation, Education, Licensure, and Discipline.