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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.

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association (ANA) acting as the voice for the nurses of this country, are working to chart a new course for a healthy nation by increasing delivery of primary and preventative healthcare which will require better utilization of our nation's nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, professional and practical nursing is an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, the demand for qualified licensed nurses is greater than ever because of the aging American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, cost-effective, safe, and quality health care services provided by nurses are a critical component needed to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas State Board of Nursing, the Kansas State Nurses Association, and the American Nurses Association are celebrating "The Power of Nurses" raising awareness to the role nursing professionals play in improving our health care system while providing safe and high quality patient care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2026, as

National Nurses Week

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observance.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 16th day of
April 2026

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Schuck

Secretary of State

Jennifer Cook

Assistant Secretary of State