



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New Yorkers appreciate the benefits of good health and the professionals who contribute to our State's excellent system of medical care, including those dedicated individuals working in hospital emergency rooms, as we recognize that a well-organized system of emergency care is a vital part of public health and a safety net within our communities; and

Whereas, hospital facilities throughout New York State operate with greater efficiency thanks to the efforts of well-trained, highly-qualified nurses who perform a variety of roles in the emergency room as members of the medical team responsible for providing lifesaving services to those in need of urgent care 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

Whereas, the Nation's 100,000+ emergency nurses are the first line of patient care in hospital emergency rooms, where they carry out some of the most challenging and difficult work in the medical field; and

Whereas, emergency nurses are committed to providing quality care and, as crucial members of hospital emergency medical teams, they undergo many hours of specialized training and continuing education to maintain knowledge of the most current procedures in medical care and lifesaving skills; and

Whereas, access to quality emergency medical treatment dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury, and emergency nurses help make this system of care more efficient and effective; and

Whereas, emergency nurses continually strive to upgrade standards of practice and improve patient care, and also seek to educate the public in the prevention and proper treatment of injuries and illnesses, and availability of emergency services within their communities; and

Whereas, it is fitting that we recognize the tireless efforts of emergency nurses and extend gratitude for their compassionate concern for humankind, acknowledging their valuable work during this special week and throughout the year;

Now, Therefore, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, hereby proclaim October 14, 2009 as

EMERGENCY NURSES DAY

October 11-17, 2009 as

EMERGENCY NURSES WEEK

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this second day
of September in the year two thousand nine.

David A. Paterson
Governor

Lawrence Schwartz
Secretary to the Governor



NY Presbyterian ED Staff wrote the Mayor and Governor
 (From left to right) Melaney Gordon Clinical Nurse I, Vepuka Kauari Patient Care Director,
 Victoria Patrice-Howe Clinical Nurse I



Staff from NYP ED with Manhattan-Bronx ENA Board of Directors
 (From left to right) Susan McAllen President, Laura Giles President Elect, Melaney Gordon Clinical Nurse I,
 Victoria Patrice-Howe Clinical Nurse I, Margaret Barry Treasurer, Lisa Kosits Secretary