

RESOLUTION 140(21)

April 7, 2021

WHEREAS, since 1972, National School Nurse Day has been set aside to recognize school nurses to foster a better understanding of the role of school nurses in the educational setting; and

WHEREAS, school nurses are one of the first lines of medical professionals to ensure the health and mental well-being of school going children and young adults. They are also responsible for monitoring that children in schools are achieving their developmental milestones as well as ensuring that their lives outside the school are safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, school nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and in ensuring student’s academic success for more than 100 years; and

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

WHEREAS, students today may face more complex and life-threatening health problems requiring care in school; and

WHEREAS, all students have a right to have their physical and mental health needs safely met while in the school setting; and

WHEREAS, school nurses act as a liaison to the school community, families, and healthcare providers on behalf of children’s health by promoting wellness and improving health outcomes for our nation’s children every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health does hereby proclaim May 12, 2021, as NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY and we celebrate and acknowledge the accomplishments of school nurses everywhere who contribute to our local communities by helping students stay healthy, in school, and ready to learn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners and Ocean County Superintendent of Schools.

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