

Oklahoma Board of Corrections

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections employs 162 professional nurses across the state who work diligently, 365 days per year to provide nursing services to our offenders; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated staff are called on to provide nursing care to an underserved and challenging population, and respond to that vocation unselfishly; and

WHEREAS, the quality services provided by nurses continue to be a critical component of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections health care delivery system both now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. This year's theme "**Nurses Trusted to Care**" is in celebration of the importance of nurses in the lives of all U.S. citizens:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Oklahoma Board of Corrections, request that all Oklahomans join us in honoring the strength, commitment, and compassion of the nursing staff of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the Oklahoma Board of Corrections, affirm our appreciation for the accomplishments and efforts of our professional nursing staff to improve the lives and health of the offenders under their care.

ADOPTED this 26th day of April, 2011.

Ted Logan, Chair

Matthew Hunter McBee, Vice Chair

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Robert Lee Rainey, Member

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