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## **Knox County Nurses Celebrated During National Nurses Week**

*Nationwide appreciation campaign is observed May 6-12, 2021.*

KNOX CITY, Texas (April 30, 2021) – Nurses are the cornerstone of the healthcare community here in Knox County. Over the past year, with the coronavirus pandemic, we have witnessed how critical nurses are in providing compassionate care in healthcare settings.

From emergency rooms to your primary care provider’s office and everywhere in between, more than 3 million nursing professionals in the United States are the heart of healthcare in almost every aspect.

Celebrating the incredible work of nurses at home and across the nation, Knox County Hospital District is taking part in National Nurses Week, which is observed May 6-12.

“Nurses are typically the first medical professionals a patient encounters in a healthcare setting,” says Stephen Kuehler, CEO of Knox County Hospital District. “The extended scope of their services makes nurses one of our most valuable team members across our healthcare system.”

While nurses have always exhibited compassionate and selfless care, the COVID-19 pandemic has challenged their role and places a spotlight on just how valuable nurses are in an integrated medical setting.

National Nurses Week is rooted in the work of the profession’s most notable icon, Florence Nightingale. Often referred to as the “lady with the lamp,” Nightingale made her reputation during the Crimean War when she led a group of 38 nurses on the battleground.

Throughout her journey, Nightingale provided much-needed services to the badly wounded British troops. As night fell, she continued her mission, lighting the way with her famous lamp.

The week-long celebration begins on May 6 each year, the anniversary of Nightingale’s arrival in Crimea, and ends on her birthday, May 12. In 1974 President Nixon declared these dates as National Nurses Week.

“Nurses have truly been on the frontline caring for patients during the pandemic,” Kuehler says. “The stress and anxiety of the job are often overwhelming, but their commitment to caring for patients is truly inspiring.”

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There is only one message that can be conveyed to all the nurses here in Knox County: Thank you.

### **About Knox County Hospital District**

Founded in 1926, Knox County Hospital District provides healthcare for residents of Knox County and surrounding areas. The district offers a wealth of medical services, including 24-hour emergency care, advanced radiology services, a clinical laboratory, home health, physical therapy, long-term care, patient education, and more. For additional information, please call 940-657-3535 or visit [www.knoxhospital.org](http://www.knoxhospital.org).

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