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Recognizing Nurses For Their Ongoing Contributions To Our Health *Southeast Georgia Health System Celebrates National Nurses Week*

BRUNSWICK, Georgia: May 1, 2021 – National Nurses Week is an annual worldwide celebration of nurses that begins on May 6 and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale. It's an opportunity for people to acknowledge and show their gratitude towards nurses for their significant contributions to our well-being.

After experiencing a worldwide pandemic, Americans have never been more grateful to the nursing profession. There are nearly 3 million nurses in the U.S., and for more than a year, a majority of these nurses have toiled on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic.

“As we approach Nurses Week, I want to thank and recognize all of our nurses for their valuable contributions during this challenging year,” says Christine Kipp, MBA, BSN, RN, CENP, interim vice president, Patient Care Services, Southeast Georgia Health System. “Every nurse has worked long and hard to provide excellent care and services for our patients. They have performed above and beyond as health care heroes.”

In recognition of nurses' contributions during the COVID-19 crisis, the American Nurses Association (ANA) expanded National Nurses Week to Nurses Month. Additionally, the ANA joined with the World Health Organization (WHO) and other global organizations to extend the 2020 Year of the Nurse and Midwife into 2021.

The Health System employs more than 600 nurses on its Brunswick and Camden campuses, Senior Care Centers and physician practices. Kipp says that the Health System appreciates the public support they have experienced over the past year. “The community supported us with gifts of food, flowers, thank you notes, signs and more. Being on the front lines of the coronavirus nonstop for over a year, many nurses and other health care workers are experiencing excessive stress. It's truly amazing how a simple ‘thank you’ really lifts their spirits.”

Kipp urges the community to continue practicing safety measures. “Please continue to support our efforts to fight COVID-19 by wearing a mask, washing your hands frequently, practicing social distancing and getting vaccinated. Our nurses appreciate everything you do to keep yourself and those around you safe.”

For information about nursing career opportunities at Southeast Georgia Health System, call 912-466-5168 or visit sghs.org/careers.

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