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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: May 1, 2023

RE: **RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY AS NATIONAL NURSES MONTH**

Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) draft a RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY AS NATIONAL NURSES MONTH.

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

BY COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY AS NATIONAL NURSES MONTH

WHEREAS, Registered nurses in the United States constitute our nation’s largest health care profession and are an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized and non-hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, Nurses serve on the front lines, risking their lives treating the injured and sick during wartime, natural disasters, and public health emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, Detroit’s nurses have worked tirelessly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, enduring immense stress and placing their own lives at risk to come to the aid of those in need; and

WHEREAS, Because nurses are known to be patient advocates who act to protect the lives of individuals under their care, nurses are well-positioned to provide leadership to eliminate health care disparities that exist in the United States and in Detroit; and

WHEREAS, Nurses are the cornerstone of the public health infrastructure, promoting healthy lifestyles and educating communities on disease prevention and health promotion; and

WHEREAS, The demand for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses is greater now than ever before due to the aging of the American population, multiple concurrent public health crises, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the exponential growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, More qualified registered nurses and licensed practical nurses will be needed in the future to meet the continually growing complex needs of health care consumers in Detroit and across the country; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 1991, the United States recognized National Nurses Week as May 6, also known as “National Recognition Day for Nurses”, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, the American Nurses Association extended National Nurses Week to recognize May as National Nurses Month, partially to recognize the heroic efforts of nurses and their role in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, National Nurses Month is a time of year to reflect on the important contributions that nurses make to provide safe, high-quality health care; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council recognizes May as National Nurses Month; **NOW BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Clerk is directed to send this resolution to Mayor Mike Duggan and to major local news media outlets.

