

**PROCLAMATION
CELEBRATING NURSES WEEK
MAY 6 – 12, 2013**

WHEREAS, "**National Nurse Week**" was first observed in 1954, based on a bill introduced in Congress by Rep. Frances Payne Bolton of Ohio, an advocate for nursing and public health. The year marked the 100th anniversary of nursing profession pioneer Florence Nightingale's mission to treat wounded soldiers during the Crimean War; and

WHEREAS, The International Council of Nurses (ICN) established May 12, Florence Nightingale's birthday, as an annual "**International Nurse Day**" in 1974; and

WHEREAS, It wasn't until the early 1990s, based on an American Nurses Association Board of Directors action, that recognition of nurses' contributions to community and national health was expanded to a week-long event each year, from May 6-12; and

WHEREAS, The Nursing profession is one in which the mind, the hand and the heart are devoted to the mental, physical, and social improvement of all; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Americans again voted nurses the most trusted profession in America for the 13th time in 14 years in the annual Gallup poll that ranks professions for their honesty and ethical standards. Nurses' honesty and ethics were rated "very high" or "high" by 85 percent of poll respondents; and

WHEREAS, Our community is extremely proud of our Beaumont nurses who continue to uphold the highest standards of a profession so essential in assuring our citizens the best in health care and treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaim **May 6 – 12, 2013 as Nurses Week in the City of Troy**;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite all Troy residents to recognize and celebrate the vital role nurses play in our lives, and appreciate their highly skilled and humanitarian services for all they provide each and every day

Presented this 10th day of May 2013.