**PROCLAMATION TEMPLATE**

Whereas: The U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, administered by the U.S. Public Health Service, provided for the training of some 180,000 nursing students nationwide during World War II, of whom some 124,000 became registered nurses; and

Whereas: Cadet Nurses were devoted to care of patients in stateside hospitals during World War II, thereby preventing the collapse of the nation’s healthcare delivery system; and

Whereas: In addition to providing up to 80% of a hospital’s skilled nursing service in the United States, Cadet Nurses provided for the healthcare of the nation’s citizens, thereby making it possible for graduate nurses to serve in the military during World War II; and

Whereas: The U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps began operation on July 1, 1943, and Cadet Nurses celebrate the 75th anniversary of this important program in 2018; and

Whereas: The U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps is the precursor of the Nurse Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service; and

Whereas: Cadet Nurses have left an enduring legacy on the nursing profession through their continued service as nurses and leaders in the decades after World War II.

Therefore: I, [NAME AND TITLE], do hereby proclaim this [Date AND YEAR], as U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps Day and hereby call upon all [CITIZENS, OFFICIALS] of [NAME OF COMMUNITY] thereof to render support to Cadet Nurses and to make themselves aware of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, whose members celebrate the 75th anniversary of this important program and have provided meaningful service to our families, community, and country.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused a seal of [NAME] to be affixed, on this, the [DATE] day of [MONTH], [YEAR].

[NAME, TITLE]

[SIGNATURE]

Instructions

* Complete the proclamation with the appropriate information (city, county, state etc.).
* Contact the official (mayor, governor, etc.) and ask for an official proclamation from the municipality. Check the websites of the offices of your mayor, governor, legislature, etc., as some offer the opportunity to complete a request online. Compete this form and upload it if that is allowed.
* Be prepared to discuss the mission of U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps and how it benefited the community during World War II and its enduring legacy to the community and the nursing profession in the decades that followed; list some accomplishments of Cadet Nurses in your community or highlighted on the uscadetnurse.org website or companion Facebook page.
* Once the proclamation is signed, schedule a time for the official to present it to your group - invite the official to a meeting, luncheon, conference, or similar event.
* Work with the official’s office to issue a news release.
* Personally invite local media to the presentation.
* Modify as needed.