

Office of the Mayor
Arkansas City, Kansas
Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1993, the American Nurses Association declared **May 6-12** as the national week to celebrate and elevate the nursing profession, and each year, the celebration ends on **May 12**, which was Florence Nightingale's birthday; and

WHEREAS, National Nurses Week is a time for everyone — individuals, employers, other health care professionals, community leaders and nurses — to recognize the vast contributions and positive impact of America's 4 million registered nurses, especially during this challenging past year of pandemic; and

WHEREAS, National Hospital Week is **May 9-15, 2021**, and the official theme is "Where Health Comes First"; and

WHEREAS, National Hospital Week celebrates the hospitals, health systems, and men and women who support the health and well-being of communities through dedication and care from the heart; and

WHEREAS, celebrating National Hospital Week provides an opportunity to thank all of the dedicated individuals — physicians, nurses, therapists, engineers, food service workers, volunteers, administrators and more — for their contributions, especially during this trying time of the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working people who staff our nation's hospitals, including the registered nurses and other personnel at South Central Kansas Medical Center, deserve universal regard and appreciation for keeping our community healthy and safer from COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Rogers, Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim **May 6-12, 2021**, as

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

and **May 9-15, 2021**, as

NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK

in Arkansas City, and urge residents to express their appreciation for the people, facilities and technologies that make trustworthy, reliable health care possible in our community.

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed:

*Name/Title: Scott Rogers, Mayor
Date: May 4, 2021*