



P R O C L A M A T I O N

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 over 4 million registered nurses, for their service, dedication, and daily sacrifices in caring for others and improving the health of patient; and

WHEREAS, National Hospital Week is **May 10-16, 2026**; 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 the dedicated individuals — physicians, nurses, therapists, engineers, food service workers, volunteers, administrators and more — for their contributions; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working people who staff our nation's hospitals, including the registered nurses and other personnel at SCK Health, deserve universal regard and appreciation for keeping our community healthy and safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, does hereby proclaim **May 6-12, 2026**, as

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

and **May 10-16, 2026**, 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, and recognize this year's National Nurses Week theme, "The Power of Nurses", and National Hospital Week theme, "Healing Happens Here".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

TAD STOVER, MAYOR
May 5, 2026