

*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 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 11-17, 2025**; 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, 2025**, as

**NATIONAL NURSES WEEK**

and **May 11-17, 2025**, 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, "America's Hospitals: A Symphony of Compassionate Care".

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

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*Name/Title: Chad D. Beeson, Mayor  
Date: May 6, 2025*