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JOIN ME PLEASE IN SALUTING OUR NURSES

As the Commissioner of Department of Developmental Services, I join in the celebration of National Nurses Week (NNW) 2012 and say thank you to all of our nurses. Without their contributions, the agency would be unable to carry out our mission

As many of you may already know, National Nurses Week is observed annually from May 6, also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12. The timing is intentional since May 12 marks the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. The 2012 NNW theme, "Nurses: Advocating, Leading, Caring" exemplifies the contributions nurses make to protect public health and, in our case, the health and well-being of individuals with intellectual disability.

It is no surprise that surveys consistently identify nursing as among America's most trusted professions. On an agency level, whenever individuals or their families have questions about medical care or want more information to enable informed decision-making, they turn to our nurses and place heavy reliance on their advice.

The high quality work nurses perform reflects how much you care for and are committed to the individuals we support and serve. On behalf of the agency, I want to extend my best wishes and thanks to each of you for the tireless work, you do every day.

Elin Howe,

