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### Proclamation Celebrates Nurses for Tireless Commitment to Patient Care, Healthcare System

**Trenton, NJ** – Praising the dedicated service of New Jersey's nurses, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today joined nurses, doctors and clinical staff at Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck as she signed a proclamation declaring May 6 through 12 as Nurses Week in New Jersey.

"In the course of their work, many nurses feel like a combination medical professional, entertainer, therapist, help desk and safety inspector. Frankly, I don't know how they do it," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "That's why it was important for me to be here today to say thank you by celebrating and proclaiming Nurses Week. But the truth of the matter is that one week could never be enough recognition for the great work nurses do 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year."

The Lt. Governor also commented on the importance of recognizing nurses now and encouraging the next generation to pursue nursing careers in view of a projected nursing shortage. According to data from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, demand in New Jersey is expected to create an additional 20,000 jobs for nurses during the next five years.

"Holy Name is Magnet recognized for outstanding patient care, and we've been the only hospital to achieve the NJBIZ Best Places to Work in NJ recognition for 10 straight years," said Holy Name President & CEO Michael Maron, noting that a staff of outstanding nursing professionals is essential to the satisfaction of patients and integral to the success of the medical center. "These achievements would be impossible without expert, dedicated and compassionate nurses. Our nurses innovate, cultivate and nurture. It is their efforts that are at the crux of patient care, and our reputation is dependent upon them. Holy Name is celebrating our 90th anniversary this year, and while almost everything has changed during the time, our nurses' passion for caring – excellently, and from the heart – hasn't."

Founded in 1925 with 115 beds, Holy Name Medical Center sees more than 40,000 ER visits every year and had nearly 19,000 admissions in 2014. Holy Name has been a leader among health care facilities in the State and Nation and has a history of innovation in its techniques and treatments. The Medical Center has been ranked as a "Best Place to Work in New Jersey" by *NJBIZ Magazine* for the last ten years, and *US News & World Report* named Holy Name as one of the Best Hospitals in New Jersey and the New York Metro Area, 2014-2015.

"Nursing is key to the future of health care," said Sheryl Slonim, Chief Nursing Officer at Holy Name Medical Center. "As new care settings emerge, nursing is the linchpin to illness prevention and health restoration and maintenance. Our Holy Name nurses are well-prepared to take on this challenge."

Lt. Governor Guadagno was joined by, among others, Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz (R-Morris, Somerset and Union).

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