



***National CNS Recognition Week
September 1-7, 2017***

Whereas, the Affordable Care Act has dramatically increased access to health care and emphasizes the quality of care delivered rather than the quantity of care, with a focus on reducing preventable hospital readmissions; and

Whereas, the nation's 72,000 clinical nurse specialists (CNS) are uniquely prepared with advanced degrees in nursing practice, system-wide leadership skills and expertise in evidence-based practice; and

Whereas, as leaders in nursing, clinical nurse specialists use their skills and expertise to develop, implement and lead interventions that: ensure safe transitions of care; and reduce the incidence of complications in hospitalized patients, which reduce readmissions, as well as reduces hospital costs and length of stays;

Whereas, as our health care system continues to change and evolve to meet emerging needs and priorities, we need clinical nurse specialists more than ever to help lead that transformation and ensure patient safety.

Therefore, do I [name of mayor or other elected official], proclaim the week of September 1 – 7, 2017 as National CNS Recognition Week in [city name]. I encourage all citizens, health professionals and representatives of community agencies to learn more about the contributions of clinical nurse specialists to individual lives and to the health of our entire community.

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