



INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

TO NURSES IN GAUTENG

Today, the 12th May 2020, is a day where we celebrate International Nurses Day, and the 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, a woman who has played an important role in the development of modern nursing and healthcare as we know it. I wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to you and to all nurses in the Gauteng Department of Health for your outstanding commitment and dedication to serving this province with dignity and excellence.

The World Health Organisation has declared the year 2020 as the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife. This declaration reminds us all about the importance of nurses in healthcare. You make up the largest cadre of health workers globally and play an important role in improving health outcomes, even under demanding work environments.

As frontline workers you have continuously shown great concern and care in all the stages of life, from the cradle to the grave. Many of our babies have received love from you as they entered the world. You have also sat, side by side with us as we cried at the death beds of our loved ones. Yours is not only a service but, an extraordinary gift that makes it possible for millions across the world to connect and cherish the single most important treasure in life itself.

Today, I want you to be proud of your skill and bravery. I want you to know that the world is watching, the spotlight is rightly cast on you. You are an inspiration to many, and your contribution to making true our hopes for a better nation, with better healthcare outcomes and a longer and fulfilling life is valued.

I know the challenges you face daily, including under COVID-19. I want you to know that several plans such as the Employee Value Proposition (EVP), the introduction of the NHI, improving OHS among others, are already in motion to improve your working conditions and our patients' experience of care.

I truly salute you, now and always. Keep up the good work.

Better days are ahead of us.

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CORONAVIRUS

Help prevent the spread of Covid-19



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Gauteng joins the global community in celebrating and recognising the contribution of nurses who are at the forefront of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite their own fears, nurses remain committed to taking care of patients and helping to stop the spread of the virus.

To all our nurses:

- Thank you for risking your lives to protect ours.
- Your service is valued.
- You are truly the heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Through your heroism and selflessness, we will overcome this virus.

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