



*COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA*  
*Office of the Governor*

Robert F. McDonnell  
Governor

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Dear Nursing Assistants:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I express my appreciation to you for your selfless service and devotion to patients, their families and health care professionals in our Commonwealth.

I commend you for the hard work and devotion that you show daily through assistance to your colleagues and hands-on care for patients and the elderly.

The important role you play in the delivery of health care services cannot be overestimated. Health care facilities rely on your training, experience and caring nature that are the essential factors in the success of their operations. Your care and words of encouragement help the afflicted to get better and return to an active life style.

Much of your valuable work is done in the background, however many grateful patients and colleagues highly appreciate your work and go beyond the conventional ways to express their gratitude. One such colleague, Ms. Linda Leekley, a registered nurse, has contacted my office and brought to my attention the good cause of your worthwhile profession.

Today, I am very excited to have an opportunity to express my deep gratitude to you and I wish to encourage you to continue your valuable service. Your work is highly appreciated and is very important. The service of nursing assistants is an example of good citizenship that soundly addresses the needs of patients, their families and our community at large.

I also encourage healthcare organizations to increase awareness and understanding of the worthwhile efforts of nursing assistants, and to advance the professionalism of this occupation among healthcare students, patients, the medical community and the general public.

I applaud your accomplishments and thank you for being a positive role model in our community. I wish you all the best in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert F. McDonnell".

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