



WHEREAS, the **Professional Nurses Association of WNY**, is dedicated to promoting excellence in nursing practice, improving the quality of health care services, and encouraging the professional and leadership development of registered nurses; and

WHEREAS, the **Professional Nurses Association of WNY** is the voice for registered nurses from all of WNY, who is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, the registered nurses and nurse practitioners in the Town of Amherst are the cornerstone of patient care, and are also leaders in improving the quality of care and seeking ways to continue increasing access to care; and

WHEREAS, for over 20 years, Americans rate the honesty and ethics of nurses highest among professions in the United States; and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Amherst registered nurses have been on the front lines, protecting and caring for their patients with the utmost dignity and respect, demonstrating unprecedented courage during such an uncertain time; and

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and high-quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an increasingly important component of the U.S. health care delivery in the future; and

WHEREAS, **National Nurses Week** will be celebrated May 6-12, 2023, and the **Professional Nurses Association of WNY** will commemorate the work that nurses do with the theme **WNY Nurses: You Make the Difference** in celebration of the ways that registered nurses advocate for high quality patient care; and

WHEREAS, the **Professional Nurses Association of WNY** will embrace this theme by highlighting the need for supportive work environments; diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging; and health equity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Amherst Town Board ask that all residents of this town join in honoring the registered nurses, nurse practitioners and licensed practical nurses who care for all of us; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the residents of the Town of Amherst celebrate registered nursing's accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care and show our appreciation for our nurses not just during **National Nurses Week**, but at every opportunity throughout the year.