



## Governor Baker Proclamation Recognizes National Nursing Home Week, May 14-20

Beginning Sunday, May 14, and continuing through Saturday, May 20, skilled nursing facilities across the Commonwealth and the country will celebrate National Nursing Home Week (NNHW). Massachusetts **Governor Charlie Baker** has presented Mass Senior Care Association with a proclamation recognizing NNHW and the valuable services provided by nursing home staff in Massachusetts. Established by the American Health Care Association in 1967, NNHW recognizes the role of skilled nursing care centers in caring for America's seniors and individuals with disabilities. This year's theme, "*The Spirit of America*," honors the bond shared among staff and residents through special events and activities that capture the American spirit.

"As we celebrate National Nursing Home Week, I want to recognize the 77,000 extraordinary women and men working in our state's nursing homes and thank them for enriching the lives of residents every day," said Tara Gregorio, President at Mass Senior Care Association. "We hope community members take the opportunity to participate in the celebrations and experience this commitment first-hand."



Please share your facility's celebrations and photos throughout the week with [Jennifer Chen](#), Director of Membership at Mass Senior Care or tag us on Facebook or Twitter using @MASeniorCare. For more information on National Nursing Home Week, please visit [www.NNHW.org](http://www.NNHW.org).

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

*Whereas Nursing Homes honor each resident as a unique individual who provides an important contribution to our society; and*

*Whereas Nursing Homes provide an array of rehabilitation services including, physical, occupational and speech therapy, and utilizes cutting edge modalities to recover or enhance physical capabilities; and*

*Whereas Nursing Homes educate and maintain the highest quality nursing staff to meet a wide range of conditions including wound care, IV medication administration, specialized feeding options and many other skilled nursing interventions; and*

*Whereas Nursing Homes believe in the importance of dignity and the creative spirit of every person, striving to make each resident feel at home in his/her surroundings and have an overall sense of wellbeing and peace. Nursing Homes encourage a love of life, independence, and individuality. They strive to make the relationship between activities staff and residents rewarding and fulfilling by providing quality and personalized programs,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 14<sup>th</sup> - May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, to be,*

## NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK

*And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

*Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this First Day of May, in the year two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

  
CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

  
KAREN E. POLITO  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH



WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*