VIRGIN ISLANDS STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

NURSES’ WEEK - MONTH - YEAR

As National Nurses Month comes to a close with the theme *YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE* we hope you have seen the celebratory postings on the website namely

1. The video by First Lady Melania Trump on Nurses’ Day, May 6
2. Gubernatorial Nurses Month proclamation
3. The honoring of Commissioner of Health, Justa Encarnacion, RN, as Nurse of the Month
4. The billboard banner on the Home page which was ran on St. Thomas (the Rapoon Hill site) and St. Croix (Sion Farm)
5. The activities sponsored by both hospitals for Nurses’Week

The celebration continues until December 31st as the World Health Organization has declared 2020 The International Year of the Nurse and Midwife in recognition of the 200th anniversary of the birthday of Florence Nightingale. The action words are:

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DID YOU KNOW that nine million more nurses and midwives are needed to achieve universal health coverage by 2030? Nurses in Advanced Practice, Nurses in Politics and Nurses in Community/Public Health are forecast to impact this accomplishment.

2020 is a Year of Giving, a Year of Stories and a Year of Photos which will be demonstrated at VISNA’s Educational Meetings in October, 2020, one on each island. Please be prepared to share your stories, post your photos and invite the merchants you patronize to support and thank you.

Let’s pledge to help at least one nurse JOIN VISNA and ANA!!