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VISNA Celebrates Nurses Week and Invites Nurses to Join the Movement

May 6-12, 2026 — The **Virgin Islands State Nurses Association (VISNA)** is proud to celebrate **Nurses Week** under the theme **“The Power of Nursing,”** recognizing the vital role nurses play in strengthening healthcare systems, improving patient outcomes, and uplifting communities across the Virgin Islands.

As part of this year’s observance, VISNA is reaffirming its commitment to empowering nurses through advocacy, professional development, collaboration with healthcare institutions and engagement at both the workplace and legislative levels.

“Nursing is the backbone of our healthcare system,” said **Dr. Suzette Lettsome**, President of VISNA. “The power of nursing lies not only in the care provided at the bedside, but in the leadership, resilience, and collective voice of nurses working together to shape the future of healthcare.”

Building on the momentum of the *Power of Nurses Convention*, VISNA continues to work closely with public hospitals to support nurses, strengthen onboarding processes, and foster professional pride and retention.

“Our message this Nurses Week is clear,” Dr. Lettsome added. **“We are not waiting for change; we are leading it.** VISNA remains committed to being a beacon of hope for nurses and a trusted partner in advancing the profession.”

As part of Nurses Week activities, VISNA is also inviting nurses across the Territory to **join the Association** and become part of a professional network dedicated to advocacy, leadership development, and positive change in healthcare.

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Nurses interested in joining VISNA or learning more about its work are encouraged to visit visna.nursingnetwork.com or email visnaus@icloud.com.

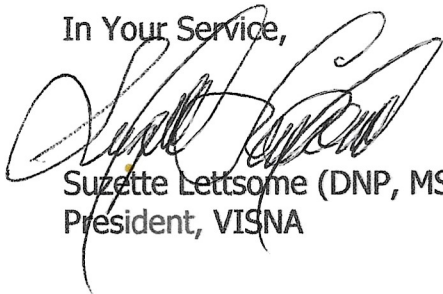
"We want to recognize the dedication, professionalism, and resilience demonstrated by nurses across the Territory, particularly in the face of ongoing workforce pressures and evolving healthcare demands. Despite these challenges Dr. Lettsome stated that nurses continue to deliver high-quality, compassionate care and uphold the highest standards of the profession. "We see you, we salute you and we are here for you," Dr. Lettsome concluded.

VISNA remains committed to standing alongside nurses, providing advocacy, resources, and encouragement, and supporting their continued pursuit of excellence in patient care and professional practice.

VISNA encourages nurses, healthcare leaders, and community partners to join in recognizing and supporting the dedication, skill, and impact of nurses throughout Nurses Week and beyond.

The Virgin Islands State Nurses Association (VISNA) is the official professional membership organization representing registered nurses in the Virgin Islands. An affiliate of the American Nurses Association and the Caribbean Nurses Organization, VISNA works to empower nurses, strengthen healthcare systems, and improve the well-being of the Virgin Islands community.

In Your Service,



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