When a child is away from the love and comfort of their parents or guardians while at school, being sick or injured can be a particularly difficult experience for the child, as well as the parents or guardians. When these circumstances arise, school nurses are more than prepared to tend to wounds, treat illness, and provide a generous dose of reassurance that helps to heal both pain and fear.

As health care professionals, nurses are not only a vital part of a school environment, but an important element of a child’s health care network. From the daily treatment of chronic conditions to the role of first responder should an emergency occur, the demands placed on school nurses cover a multitude of health care needs. School nurses also put their extensive training to work by promoting disease prevention and management, contributing to mental health services, providing information about health topics, and encouraging healthy lifestyles.

Each May, a day is designated to recognizing school nurses for the tremendous work they perform and the important part they play in young Texans’ lives.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to join in honoring our school nurses for their tireless dedication to our children.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2019, to be

School Nurse Day

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 5th day of April, 2019.

Governor of Texas