

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR
SCHOOL NURSES IN ALL FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, a licensed nurse draws upon her assets of education, experience and skills to detect potential health problems, recognize and manage illness, administer first aid, offer skilled health guidance and counseling, detect potential health problems, make necessary medical referral, and act as the personal physician's extension into the school setting to meet the health needs of the child during the school day, and

WHEREAS, school attendance and academic grades are improved by the school nurse's early detection of disease, and by adequate assessment and judgement when students are well enough to remain in school, and

WHEREAS, school nurses collaborate with administrators to promote a healthy, safe and nurturing environment, and

WHEREAS, according to a recent survey conducted by the National Association of Nurses, ninety eight percent of school nurses have saved a child's life, eighty two percent have identified an abused child and sixty seven percent have counseled a depressed/suicidal student, and

WHEREAS, teachers are able to devote their time to educating students because the School Nurse coordinate the health care needs of the students, and

WHEREAS, parents are confident their children's health needs and injuries are appropriately addressed by a licensed school nurse during the school day.

Be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Cinco Bayou does hereby declare their support requiring in requesting from the Florida State Legislature and Governor Jeb Bush to provide new funding to Florida's sixty seven public school districts for school nurses in every school.

ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JANUARY 2001

APPROVED:

Randall P. Drabczuk, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nell Webb, Town Manager/Clerk

(Date)

Mayor (name)
Town
Address
City, State, Zip

Dear Honorable (Mayor),

Attached please find a proclamation supporting requiring School Nurses in Okaloosa County schools. Due to lack of funding less than 50 percent of schools are fortunate enough to have a licensed nurse on staff. The remaining schools place their school children's health in the hands of personnel, who are not medically trained and licensed, which can lead to tragic consequences as we have seen earlier this year.

If your municipality participates in our awareness campaign, please send a signed copy of the resolution or proclamation to:

Name
Address
City, State, Zip

Sincerely,

Name