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New York State Health Facilities Association Statement on National Skilled Nursing Care Week

Albany, New York — Stephen Hanse, President and CEO of the New York State Health Facilities Association and the New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL), a statewide association representing 440 long-term care facilities, issued the following statement in recognition of National Skilled Nursing Care Week. Established by the American Health Care Association (AHCA) in 1967, National Skilled Nursing Care Week® (NSNCW) recognizes the essential role of skilled nursing care centers in caring for America’s frail, elderly, and disabled. The week starts each year on Mother’s Day and is celebrated through the following Saturday.

“Over the past year, despite the challenges of the pandemic, skilled care centers and their staff have shown an incredible and steadfast commitment to caring for and ensuring the safety of their residents. That is why NYSHFA | NYSCAL is thrilled to celebrate our heroic staff, residents, and their loved ones during National Skilled Nursing Care Week (NSNCW) beginning on Mother’s Day, May 9, through Saturday, May 15.”

“This year’s theme, “Together Through the Seasons,” honors the collaborative commitment of skilled nursing care facilities and their staff in providing compassionate, around-the-clock care to their residents during this unprecedented time.”

“We can think of no better time than National Skilled Nursing Care Week to voice how grateful NYSHFA | NYSCAL is to play a part in an industry that has some of the most hard-working, dedicated and caring individuals throughout the country.”

“What comes to mind are some of the touching stories we have heard and pictures we have seen where facilities and staff in New York State have gone above and beyond through these tough and uneasy times to ensure the safety and well-being of their residents.”

“This year, facilities and their staff have strived for and achieved excellence and have persevered even through some of the most difficult times. We at NYSHFA | NYSCAL want to thank the Skilled Nursing facilities and their staff for the dedication, the hard work and for the care they provide every day to keep the frail, elderly population of New York State healthy and happy. They are true heroes.”

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