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**OHIO
NURSE OF THE YEAR
AWARDS**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

A NOTE FROM OHIO GOVERNOR



Dear Nursing Professionals,

Congratulations to the nominees, finalists, and category winners of the March of Dimes Ohio Nurse of the Year Awards. You are part of a group of some amazing professionals!

In the best of times, nurses play a vital role to the health and well-being of Ohioans. This year, nurses have emerged even more heroic on the front line of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Whether working in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, or elsewhere, nurses have faced extraordinary challenges this year. As the March of Dimes celebrates the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife and in honor of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth, I applaud March of Dimes for not only recognizing nurses, but also for raising money for programs that provide research, community services, education, and advocacy to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality.

To you and all of the nurses of Ohio, we thank you for your service and sacrifice as you work to keep our communities healthy and safe. And, thank you to March of Dimes Ohio, for continuing to showcase these wonderful nurses.

Very Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike DeWine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike DeWine
Governor



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Hello, awesome Ohio nurses, and welcome to the 2020 March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Awards!

When the World Health Organization declared early last year that 2020 would be the Year of the Nurse and Midwife, it was originally designed as a celebration and acknowledgement of the everyday positive impact that these healthcare professionals share with our communities. As we know now, the COVID-19 pandemic has not only stretched our nursing and healthcare community to its very limits, but it also has further opened the world's eyes to the outstanding leadership, compassionate evidence-based care, and cutting-edge research that nurses bring to hospitals, clinics, universities, organizations and patients everywhere.

The nurses, advanced practice nurses, scientists and educators we honor today represent the very best of leadership, research and evidence-based care in the state of Ohio. This Year of the Nurse and Midwife certainly has not followed the intended script, but it has showcased how our nursing community transforms health and improves lives.

It has also exposed the necessity of investing in the building and sustaining of a culture of wellness that supports clinician well-being and battles symptoms of burnout. We cannot continue to pour from an empty cup, and all of us can and must push for a level of investment in our organizations that provides resources and programs to protect our nurses' and all clinicians' physical, mental and emotional health.

Let us use this unprecedented year to spark a new wave of innovation to solve our most pressing problems and interconnectedness to support our colleagues to achieve their optimal state of health and well-being. Florence Nightingale once said, "How very little can be done under the spirit of fear." Ohio nurses are fearless; let us continue to face the future with determination to transform healthcare and improve people's lives. Congratulations to you on your wonderful accomplishments. Keep dreaming, discovering and delivering a healthier world for us all!

Warm and well regards,

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In this most extraordinary of years,
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Crystal Epley
Stephanie Garee
Kelly Keller
Heather O'Neal
Sarah Purpus

Jacquela Robinson
Shannon Thompson
Stephanie A. Vaupel-Juart
Michele Weber
Susan Yeager

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