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KHA Encourages Kansans to Celebrate Hospital Week

National Hospital Week: May 12-18, 2024 – We Are Health Care

(May 6, 2024) – Next week, the Kansas Hospital Association will be joining our members in celebrating hospitals, health systems and the individuals who support the health and well-being of their communities. National Hospital Week began as National Hospital Day in the year 1921 as an attempt to inspire community members to support hospitals after the Spanish flu outbreak in 1918. Then, in 1953, National Hospital Day was changed to National Hospital Week.

Additionally, National Hospital Week takes place during the week of Florence Nightingale’s birthday, which is May 12. The holiday shines a spotlight on hospitals, health systems and health care workers who strive to save lives daily. KHA has teamed up with the American Hospital Association and associations across the county to recognize the 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, and others who provide care to their community.

This year’s theme for National Hospital Week is *We Are Health Care*. It specifically highlights hospitals, health systems and health care workers and the innovative ways they are supporting and connecting to their communities. During National Hospital Week, May 12-18, 2024, KHA and the American Hospital Association will be releasing a videos and messages on social media highlighting the hard work of hospital and health care workers.

Celebrating National Hospital Week gives us an opportunity to thank all of the dedicated individuals – physicians, nurses, therapists, engineers, food service workers, volunteers, administrators and so many more – for their contributions. Join us next week in celebrating and thanking these individuals and organizations in person or on social media using the hashtags #WeAreHealthCare, #HospitalWeek and #KansasHospitals.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 235 member facilities, of which 121 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is: "Optimal Health for Kansans."

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