**Sample Proclamation for Facilities and Chapters**

Whereas, nearly 37 million Americans suffer from kidney disease and every year many *[insert your city, state]* citizens, including children, adults, and older individuals, are diagnosed with kidney disease; and

Whereas, the depth and breadth of the nephrology nursing profession meets the different and emerging kidney disease and other health care needs of the population of *[insert your city, state];* and

Whereas, the American Nephrology Nurses Association is working to advance quality care to Americans with kidney disease before they suffer complete organ failure, increase awareness in local communities, positively influence patient outcomes, and keep nephrology nurses abreast of the latest treatments and kidney-related research; and

Whereas, nephrology nurses function as educators, direct caregivers, and coordinators to help patients manage their lives while effectively dealing with their health issues; and

Whereas, the number of new patients diagnosed with kidney disease has doubled in each of the last two decades, the demand for nephrology nurses will persist to expand as this trend is expected to continue; and

Whereas, more qualified nephrology nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of patients who are experiencing, or are at risk for, kidney disease; and

Whereas, along with the American Nephrology Nurses Association, the *[insert the name of your facility or local ANNA chapter]* has declared the week of September 11 through 17, 2022, as Nephrology Nurses Week to celebrate and honor the unselfish work nephrology nurses perform each day to maintain the health of thousands of individuals with kidney disease, therefore be it

Resolved, that I, *[insert your Governor’s/Mayor’s name and title]* designate the week of September 11 through 17, 2022, as Nephrology Nurses Week and ask that all residents of *[insert your city, state]* join me in honoring the nephrology nurses who care for patients with kidney disease, and be it further

Resolved, that the residents of *[insert your city, state]* celebrate nephrology nursing’s efforts to advance patient care and reduce the incidence of kidney disease and show our appreciation for *[insert your city]* nephrology nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.