

## **HIPE ATTACHMENT 5-4 PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, the current and projected healthcare workforce shortage is creating a healthcare crisis across the nation; and

Whereas, healthcare employment growth between 2000-2010 is projected to be 29% while all other industry segments are projected to have a combined employment growth of 14%; and

Whereas, 4.6 million new workers including 1 million nurses will be needed over the next 10 years, and

Whereas, 1 in 10 non-agriculture workers are employed in healthcare; and

Whereas, the explosion of technology in healthcare and an unprecedented aging population contribute to the national healthcare workforce shortage; and

Whereas, today's students have opportunities to begin preparation for a healthcare career as early high school; and

Whereas, students' academic achievement can be strengthened through health science applications; and

Whereas, students expand their career knowledge leading to wise career decision-making through support of the partnerships formed between healthcare stakeholders and educators; and

Whereas, strengthening partnerships between educators and healthcare professionals is essential to ensuring that students are prepared to meet current and projected staffing needs;

Now, therefore, I, (name) (title), in collaboration with the National Consortium on Health Science and Technology Education, do hereby proclaim October 10 - 14, 2005 as "**Healthcare In Partnership with Education Recognition Week.**"