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California Skilled Nursing Recognition Day

On behalf of the State of California, it is an honor to recognize the staff of California's skilled nursing facilities for their remarkable dedication and sacrifice amid unprecedented challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Skilled nursing facilities provide vital care for our elderly and persons with disabilities. Over the past year, skilled nursing staff have worked diligently to limit the spread of COVID-19 among their residents, protecting this very vulnerable population in the face of challenging circumstances and the heavy emotional toll of the pandemic.

Staff also provided support to nursing facility residents and their families during this incredibly difficult time, especially for those that could not leave their rooms or see visitors in-person.

California skilled nursing facilities have the lowest fatality ratio in the continental U.S., and we have our skilled nursing staff to thank for that.

As we work to recover from the pandemic, our skilled nursing facilities are taking steps to maintain access to quality care while ensuring residents and staff stay safe with access to vaccinations and regular testing.

This National Skilled Nursing Care Week, I thank the dedicated workers in these facilities for the heroic contributions they make every day to the well-being of the residents and families they serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

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