

CITY of FERNDALE

PROCLAMATION

September 24, 2008
Visiting Nurse Association of
Southeast Michigan 110th Anniversary Day

Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Southeast Michigan was founded in 1898 by a nurse, Alice M. Bowen. Originally a farm girl from Ohio, she attended the Ferrand School of Nursing, which was the precursor to Wayne State University's College of Nursing. After graduating she worked as a visiting nurse in Philadelphia. When she returned to Detroit, she was resolved to start a visiting nurse service for our community.

Today, Alice Bowen's dream has grown into the largest independent home health care and hospice organization to serve residents of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Washtenaw counties. Every year its staff of nurses, physical, occupational and speech therapists, home health aids and social workers provide care to more than 8,500 people. VNA of Southeast Michigan has remained true to its century-old mission to provide care to all members of the community, regardless of their ability to pay. Annually it provides more than \$1 million in uncompensated care.

VNA of Southeast Michigan is Medicare-certified and accredited by The Joint Commission, demonstrating its commitment to exacting standards in the delivery of its quality care. In 2005 MPRO awarded the organization with the Michigan Award of Excellence for improving care in the health care setting.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig S. Covey, Mayor of the City of Ferndale, Michigan, do hereby congratulate the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan on its 110th Anniversary, proclaim September 24, 2008 as Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan Day and call upon all government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our City to increasing awareness and understanding of the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ferndale to be affixed this 11th day of August 2008.

Craig S. Covey, Mayor