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Dear MUSC Family,

This is a very special week of recognition for all of us at MUSC. This first week in May has been designated by Governor Nikki Haley as South Carolina Employee Appreciation Week, giving us a formal opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to ALL employees, contractors and suppliers for your tireless contributions. This also coincides with National Nurses Week, allowing us to highlight the special contributions of all our nursing professionals at this time.

And while this appreciation is officially through May 9th, we follow this with National Hospital Week, and thus have arranged a series of acknowledgements and special activities across our institution over the next two weeks! I invite you to visit our website to see all the activities from Food Trucks to a River Dogs Game, along with special discounts to celebrate you and all you do to help make us successful in our mission. http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/hr/university/

This past year has been an exciting year for MUSC. We continue to build on our successes in our research initiatives, our educational excellence, and in our top quality patient and family care. We also can look to our future with our new Strategic Plan, Imagine MUSC 2020, and we know that it is possible only through the dedication of the talent across our enterprise.

I truly wish I could walk across this campus and find a way to personally thank each of you, and to let you know that your work is noticed. It is all about what we can do together to advance our science, our teaching, and our patient and family care. As I approach each day, humbly as your President, I get to see, hear, and feel first-hand the multitude of examples as to how we are in-fact Changing What’s Possible.

It is a privilege and an honor to call you colleagues. Please enjoy these next two weeks, and I encourage you to take an extra moment to extend your personal thanks to those that surround and support you every day.

Yours in service,

David J. Cole, MD, FACS
President