



October 5, 2018

Virginia Association of Licensed Veterinary Technicians
Jaime Hicks, LVT, President
3801 Westerre Parkway, Suite D
Henrico, VA 23233

Dear Ms. Hicks,

The faculty and staff of the Veterinary Technology Program at Tidewater Community College endorses the title change from licensed veterinary technician to Registered Veterinary Nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In addition, we fully support the Veterinary Nurse Initiative which seeks to create uniform credentialing requirements and title designation across the country.

The current naming system in the Veterinary Technology field is confusing to the general public. Across the country, these veterinary professionals may be called licensed veterinary technicians (LVT), registered veterinary technicians (RVT), or credentialed veterinary technicians (CVT). This has led to decreased public awareness of the valuable role these veterinary professionals serve in the care of their pets.

The title of Registered Veterinary Nurse would be well-understood by the public. A consistent national title will unify the profession and increase the recognition of the training and skills these professionals bring to the veterinary healthcare team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan Taliaferro", is written in a cursive style.

Megan Taliaferro, DVM
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