

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING
MAY 6, 2004 AS NATIONAL NURSE'S DAY, AND
THE WEEK OF MAY 6 THROUGH 12, 2004 AS
NATIONAL NURSE'S WEEK**

WHEREAS, registered nurses nearly 2.7 million strong in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession, and

WHEREAS, nurses possess three traits in abundance; compassion, integrity and honesty, and

WHEREAS, nurses have an intangible gift; the ability to connect with their patients or clients and transfer positive energy, the therapeutic use of self to heal and nurture, and the ability to create an interpersonal bond that is conducive to healing, and

WHEREAS, nurses utilize critical thinking skills to help their patients or clients as well as to enhance the health care system, and

WHEREAS, nurses are advocates for the individual patient or client as well as extending their scope of practice to the patient's immediate circle of spouse, family, and closest friends, and

WHEREAS, nurses provide preventative or restorative health care to people of all ages, diverse backgrounds and in varied clinical settings in Santa Barbara County, and

WHEREAS, the theme for National Nurse's Week 2004, "Nurses: Your Voice, Your Health, Your Life" in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses and public health nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and map out the way to improve our health care system, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that it is hereby ordered and proclaimed that this Board of Supervisors does observe the sixth day of May 2004, as National Nurse's Day and May sixth through May twelfth, 2004 as National Nurse's Week in recognition of the contribution of all nurses in the County of Santa Barbara, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this fourth day of May 2004, by unanimous vote of all members present.