



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
MAY 6, 2015 AS NATIONAL NURSES DAY AND
MAY 6-12, 2015 AS NATIONAL NURSES WEEK
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United State comprise our nation's largest health care profession. The depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 has continued to enhance nurse leadership roles in health care, implement strategies to improve the quality of care, and play a key role in innovative, patient-centered care delivery models; and

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies and the explosive growth of home health care services. More qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

WHEREAS, the County's nurses play a critical role in improving patient health outcomes, increasing access to health care, and reducing health care costs in the community, health care centers, at home, in maternal child health and in shelter settings. In 2014, public health department nurses effectively responded to priority communicable disease events that included a pertussis epidemic, measles outbreak, and Ebola preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Nursing is the protection, promotion, and optimization of health, prevention of illness and injury, and advocacy in the care of individuals, families, communities, and populations; and

WHEREAS, along with the American Nurses Association, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department and the Psychiatric Health Facility nurses celebrate Nurse Week with continued focus on ethical practice and the delivery of the highest level of quality care and safety to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does proclaim the May 6, 2015 as National Nurses Day, and the week of May 6-12 as National Nurses Week in recognition of the contributions of all nurses working in the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 5th day of May 2015 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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