

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
THE DAY OF MAY 6, 2016 AS NATIONAL NURSES DAY  
AND THE WEEK OF MAY 6-12, 2016 AS NATIONAL NURSES WEEK**

***WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department's Registered and Public Health Nurses serve as patient advocates and coach patients to own their healthcare and actively participate in attaining optimal health outcomes; and***

***WHEREAS, 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, homes, and shelter; 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, nurses are collectively responding to emerging communicable disease events such as Zika Virus by assuring safe, quality, and accessible care throughout the continuum of care from field to clinic settings; and***

***WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Public Health Department 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 sixth day of May 2016 as National Nurses Day, and the week of May sixth through May twelfth as National Nurses Week in recognition of the contributions of all nurses working in health care and community settings, in the County of Santa Barbara.***

***PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 10th day of May 2016 by a unanimous vote of all members present.***