

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** National Nurses Day May 6, 2002 and National Nurses Week May 6-11, 2002

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:  
Adopt a resolution proclaiming National Nurses Day, May 6, 2002, and National Nurses Week  
May 6-11, 2002.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

Goal No. 2: A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit  
Goal No. 5: A High Quality of Life for All Residents  
Goal No. 7: A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

Today, we enjoy better health, live in healthier communities, know more about how to take care of our health, and live longer than at any time in the past. The nation recognizes and honors all nurses because of their contributions to the health of individuals and the community. Nurses are dedicated to their profession and achieve their goals by:

- ◆ practicing in a variety of settings including homes, clinics, hospitals, schools, community centers, and occupational facilities;
- ◆ providing essential health care services as well as linking people to needed personal health services and assuring the provision of care when otherwise unavailable;
- ◆ utilizing the "Nursing Process" to gather information, to develop a plan, to implement the plan, then evaluates the patient or client or community situation to improve outcomes;
- ◆ focusing on the total person including physical, emotional, environmental, social, cultural, family and spiritual considerations;

- ◆ advocating for more qualified nurses needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community, and
- “ providing preventative or restorative health care to people of all ages, of diverse backgrounds and in varied clinical settings in Santa Barbara County.

Let it be resolved that this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara proclaim May 6, 2002 as National Nurses Day and May 6-11, 2002 as National Nurses Week and urge all citizens to join in this important observance.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Acceptance of the Resolution will not result in any change in mandates or service levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Acceptance of the Resolution will not result in additional General Fund contribution or use of County Wide Cost Allocation overhead services.

This Resolution will not result in any additional need for facilities.

**Special Instructions:**

None

**Concurrence:**

None