

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
THE DAY OF MAY 6, 2012 AS NATIONAL NURSES' DAY
AND THE WEEK OF MAY 6-12, 2012 AS NATIONAL NURSES' WEEK**

WHEREAS, nurses are recognized for their contributions to the health care system, both in their role as expert clinicians in diverse care settings and as leaders who can dramatically influence the quality of care and overall performance of the healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, nursing is the largest of the health care professions, and continues to grow with more job growth projected in nursing than in any other occupation between 2008 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, the nursing profession plays an essential role in improving patient outcomes, increasing access, and reducing health care costs; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Americans voted nurses the most trusted profession in America for the 11th time in 12 years in the annual Gallup poll that ranks professions for their honesty and ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, qualified nurses will be needed to work in complex health environments to meet the needs of health care consumers in this community in health care centers, home and shelter settings; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses have successfully maintained strong partnerships to prevent adverse maternal and infant outcomes, assist with access to healthcare, reduce health disparities and provide services for children, including those with special healthcare needs and those in foster care; and

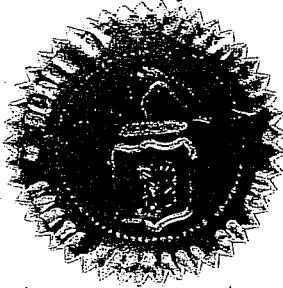
WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses have successfully maintained strong partnerships to promote public safety by mitigating and controlling the spread of communicable diseases, tuberculosis and foodborne illnesses in Santa Barbara County, and

WHEREAS, Public Health Department Nurses and Nurse Practitioners have met the health care needs of men, women, children and indigent adults in a variety of community and primary care health settings; and

WHEREAS, the theme for National Nurses' Week 2012, "Nurses: Advocating, Leading, Caring", highlights the dedication, commitment, and tireless efforts of the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses nationwide to promote and maintain the health of communities in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does observe the sixth day of May 2012 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 all of our health care and educational settings and in the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this first day of May 2012 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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ATTEST: *Chandra Kelton*

Clerk of the Board