

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
THE DAY OF MAY 6, 2007
NATIONAL NURSES DAY
AND THE WEEK OF MAY 6-12, 2007
NATIONAL NURSE WEEK**

WHEREAS, nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the health care delivery system and provides a continuum of care for those we serve; and

WHEREAS, the nursing shortage continues to challenge the health care industry, necessitating the growing use of nursing support staff; and

WHEREAS, nursing support staff have become integral members of the nursing team by assisting health care providers and nurses, providing health teaching or outreach, and helping to implement the plan of care as designed by the nursing team; and

WHEREAS, nursing support staff helps to create culturally appropriate communication between health care providers and the patients or clients; and

WHEREAS, nursing support staff may be medical assistants, health service aides, home health aides, or certified nursing assistants; and

WHEREAS, the work of nursing support staff often lead entry level staff into the field of nursing; and

WHEREAS, nurses are actively involved teaching and mentoring nursing support staff; and

WHEREAS, the theme for National Nurses Week 2007, "Nursing: A Profession and a Passion" is the celebration of the ways in which nurses strive to provide safe and quality care to people of all ages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does observe May 6, 2007 as National Nurses Day, and the week of May 6 – 12, 2007 as National Nurses Week in recognition of the contributions of all nurses and nursing support staff working in all of our educational and health care settings in the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this first day of May 2007, by a unanimous vote of all members present.