

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming )  
the Week of May 4, 1992 as ) PROCLAMATION  
"National Nurses Week" in ) 92-63  
Multnomah County, Oregon )

WHEREAS, two million registered nurses in this country represent our nation's largest health care resource; and

WHEREAS, nurses care for America every day by providing high quality care, working toward access to health care services for all Americans and by promoting initiatives for national health care reform; and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association, which serves as the voice for the registered nurses of this country, and 55 other nursing organizations representing 800,000 registered nurses have issued "Nursing's Agenda for Health Care Reform;" and

WHEREAS, ANA calls for a major restructuring of our health care system to ensure access to quality care or all U.S. citizens and legal residents; and

WHEREAS, the demand for nursing services is greater than ever because of an aging America, the industry's ability to sustain life through increased technology, changes in the settings where health care is delivered, changes in health care financing and changing health care needs of today's consumers; and

WHEREAS, there is a projected need of 600,000 additional nurses during the next decade and more qualified nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community, and

WHEREAS, along with the American Nurses Association the Oregon Nurses Association has declared the week of May 4 as NATIONAL NURSES WEEK 1992 with the them "Nurses: Shaping the Future of Health Care" in celebration of the ways in which nurses strive to provide high quality patient care and improve our health care system.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners for Multnomah County, Oregon ask all residents of Multnomah County to join in celebrating the Week of May 4, 1992 as National Nurses Week and in honoring the nurses who care for all of us.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the residents of Multnomah County celebrate nursing's accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation's nurses, not just during this week but at every opportunity throughout the year.

ADOPTED this 30th, day of April, 1992.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By Sharon Kelly  
Gladys McCoy, County Chair

