

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO.

Proclaiming May 6th through May 12th, 2015 as National Nurses Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. There are more than 250 nurses working for the people of Multnomah County as vital public employees.
- b. These nurses care for our residents and work in diverse health care settings that include home visiting programs, environmental health, community health programs, in community clinics like La Clinica de Buena Salud, East County Health Center, Rockwood Community Health Center, and in corrections health.
- c. Multnomah County's nurses provide critical services to some of our most vulnerable residents.
- d. There are more than 12,000 registered nurses working for multiple employers across Multnomah County, comprising our County's largest professional health care workforce.
- e. Multnomah County's registered nurses strive to meet the unique and emerging health care needs of our County's residents.
- f. The Oregon Nurses Association, as the voice for registered nurses in Oregon and Multnomah County, is working to improve access to primary and preventive health care services.
- g. A renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require better utilization of registered nurses.
- h. Professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of all patients.
- i. The future demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of our aging population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies and the explosive growth of home health care services.
- j. More qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in our community.
- k. The cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of Multnomah County's health care delivery system in the future.
- l. The Oregon Nurses Association, along with the American Nurses Association, has declared the week of May 6-12 as National Nurses Week with the theme – "*Ethical Practice. Quality Care*" in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses provide safe and high quality patient care and map out ways to improve our health care system.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

May 6th through May 12th, 2015 as National Nurses Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.
We urge all Multnomah County residents to celebrate registered nursing's accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and to show their appreciation for the county's registered nurses not just during this week, but throughout the year.

ADOPTED this ____ day of April, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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SUBMITTED BY: Deborah Kafoury, Chair