



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 09/23/13)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 4/30/15  
Agenda Item #: R.6  
Est. Start Time: 10:30 am  
Date Submitted: 4/22/15

**Agenda Title:** **PROCLAMATION Proclaiming May 6<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as National Nurses Week in Multnomah County, Oregon**

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** April 30, 2015 **Time Needed:** 10 minutes  
**Department:** Non-D **Division:** Chair's office  
**Contact(s):** Liz Smith Currie  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Sarah Baesler, Oregon Nurses Association and Invited Guest

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approve a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 6-12, National Nurses Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

- All nurses have a critical responsibility to uphold the highest level of quality and ethical standards in their practice to ensure the delivery of superior health care to patients, families and society.
- Ethics is an essential component of everyday nursing practice across all specialties and settings and is inextricably linked to quality care.
- The revised [Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements](#) was released in 2015 - the first update since 2001. The revision ensures that the Code applies to modern clinical practice and advances in quality, and keeps pace with transformations in health care.
- Throughout the year, educational activities and events focused on ethics are planned, including webinars, a resource-rich website and a symposium.
- The *Code of Ethics* serves as a guide for carrying out nursing responsibilities in a manner consistent with quality nursing care and the ethical obligations of the profession.

- The new [Blueprint for 21st Century Nursing Ethics: Report of the National Nursing Summit](#) constitutes a plan for individuals and organizations to implement to improve 12 work environments, health care quality and health outcomes.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

None

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

None

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

Communities around the country are participating in National Nurses Week activities. In recognition of the impact ethical nursing practice has on patient outcomes and the quality of care, 2015 is designated as the "Year of Ethics." Keeping with this focus, the theme for National Nurses Week (May 6-12) is "Ethical Practice. Quality Care."

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**Required Signature**

**Elected Official**

**or Department/**

**Agency Director:**

Deborah Kafoury /s/

April 22, 2015

**Date:**