

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. 02-065**

Proclaiming the Week of May 6 through May 12, 2002 to be "National Nurses Week" in Multnomah County, Oregon

**The Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners Finds:**

- a. The nearly 2.7 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession. Registered nurses in Oregon number 35,000 and include approximately 1900 nurse practitioners and nurse mid-wives, 100 certified registered nurse anesthetists, and 100 nurse specialists.
- b. Multnomah County's corps of community health nurses work to improve the overall health of our community by providing a range of services that reach out to the low-income and uninsured in our neighborhoods, teenagers in our public schools, parents and their newborns, the elderly, corrections clients, non-English speaking clients and many more.
- c. Nurses are on the front lines of care in our hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, schools, and doctors' offices. In serving as the backbone of our healthcare system their dedication to their work and compassion for their patients exemplify the best of human qualities.
- d. National Nurses Week has been observed annually since 1954, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession.


**The Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners Proclaims:**

The week of May 6 through May 12, 2002 to be "National Nurses Week" in Multnomah County, Oregon. We celebrate registered nurses' accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and recognize the vital contributions of nurses to the health and well-being of our community.

ADOPTED this 9th day of May, 2002.



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Diane M. Linn, Chair