BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming May 2, 1993 as Public Health Nurses Day in Multnomah County	)))	PROCLAMATION 93-142

WHEREAS, the tradition of Public Health Nursing began 100 years ago when Lillian Wald opened he Henry Street Settlement House in New York City, offering care for mothers and children, the ill and the elderly poor who had no medical care available; and

WHEREAS, in 1902, Public Health Nursing began in Oregon by a group of concerned citizens who formed the Visiting Nurse Association with donations from the community, hired the first nurse, Mrs. Lucy Morgan in 1902; and

WHEREAS, Due to the continued and constant supervision, intervention and concern of Public Health Nurses, diseases such as Small Pox, Diptheria, Tetanus, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Poliomyelitis and other communicable diseases have been controlled or eradicated; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses advocate for access to health care for the poor, imunizations, commun cable disease control, schoolnursing, family planning, home health care, prenatal, infant and child care in well child clinics; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses make a significant contribution to our society by their work in the areas of maternal and child health, teenage pregnancies, drug and alcohol abuse, homelessness, mental health, AIDS, Hepatitis, violence, rape and homicide; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses offer nutrition information, parenting classes, hospice care, jail and skid row services, and are often the only accessible health care provider in both inner-city and rural areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaim May 2, 1993 as Public Health Nurses Day to recognize and honor the past accomplishments of Public Health Nurses and support the future endeavors of Public Health Nursing in Multnomah County.

APPROVED this 29th day of April, 1993.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By H. C. Miggins
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