



SUMMARY REPORT

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To: Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County
Department or Agency Name(s): Department of Health Services
Staff Name and Phone Number: Mary Miller, 565-4569
Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution proclaiming the week of May 6 through May 12, 2019 as National Nurses Week in Sonoma County.

Executive Summary:

Since 1974, May 6 through May 12 has been recognized in the United States as National Nurses Week, acknowledging all nurses and honoring Florence Nightingale who was born on May 12. When the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors designates this time as National Nurses Week in Sonoma County, it emphasizes the importance of county nursing staff who are integral to assessing the health of communities and leading some of the most vulnerable populations to improved physical and mental health.

Discussion:

The theme for National Nurses week in 2019 is *4 Million Reasons to Celebrate*, a nod to the more than 4 million registered nurses that comprise the largest group of health care professionals in the United States.

Nurses within the Department of Health Services provide health assessment, education, and linkage with community resources to a diverse population of clients with varied health, social, and economic strengths and needs. They serve in a variety of community settings including homes, offices, behavioral health sites, human services facilities, and emergency and homeless shelters as the need arises.

In correctional facilities for youth, nurses provide clinical services including, but not limited to, medication delivery, physical examinations, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, immunization assessment, and provision of education and coordination of care for diagnostic and specialty services.

Nurses help identify, investigate, and control communicable diseases, working closely with medical offices, schools, institutions, and challenged populations.

Nurses serve in homes to improve families' parenting skills, prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences, support the practice of healthier and safer behaviors, and provide access and support for continued use of needed physical and mental health care resources to improve short and long-term health outcomes.

Nurses provide expertise to numerous community groups and providers to assure breadth and depth of services. Nurses are an integral part of how the county cares for and gains essential knowledge and insight about its residents. In the 2018 Gallup Poll, for the 17th consecutive year, the public rated nurses as the most honorable and ethical of all healthcare professionals, underscoring the deep trust the public has in nurses.

The Department of Health Services currently employs approximately 67 nurses (46 in the Public Health Division and 21 in the Behavioral Health Division). These nurses make important and lasting contributions to

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healthy families and communities. Sonoma County values their contribution and recognizes the exemplary service of the professionally trained nurses who serve within this community.

Prior Board Actions:

On May 8, 2018 the Board adopted a resolution proclaiming the Week of May 6 through May 12, 2018 as National Nurses Week in Sonoma County.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 18-19 Adopted	FY19-20 Projected	FY 20-21 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this item.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A - I Step)	Additions (number)	Deletions (number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

Resolution

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None