



County of Sonoma

State of California

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☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Proclaiming May 6 through May 12, 2019 as National Nurses Week in Sonoma County

Whereas, the County of Sonoma recognizes the value of professionally educated nurses to further the goals and missions that benefit the residents of the county;

Whereas, the theme for National Nurses Week 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;

Whereas, whether in direct service, case management, community assessment, emergency preparedness, administration, or policy development, nurses make a positive impact across Sonoma County;

Whereas, nurses within the Department of Health Services use their education, professional experience, commitment, and special skill set to provide necessary services to the most vulnerable populations, especially pregnant women, infants, children, youth, and vulnerable seniors;

Whereas, nurses serve in homes to improve families' parenting skills, prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), 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;

Whereas, nurses provide crisis intervention for youth, promote the recovery of individuals with serious mental health issues, and counsel those suffering from alcohol or other drug addictions;

Whereas, nurses help identify, investigate, and control communicable diseases working closely with medical offices, schools, institutions, and challenged populations;

Whereas, nurses monitor and improve access to well care and immunizations, and provide case management to children suffering major medical disabilities;

Whereas, nurses help identify health issues inclusive of needed mental and physical health care for incarcerated youth, and vulnerable seniors at risk of abuse and neglect;

Whereas, the County of Sonoma, Health Services Department has 67 nurses working professionally, diligently, and effectively across a wide variety of communities in homes, offices, homeless and emergency shelters, and clinical settings every day; and

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Whereas, the Department of Health Services has identified the need to continue to offer the highest level of services through nurses in a variety of programs and settings.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma does hereby proclaim May 6 through May 12, 2019 as National Nurses Week in Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Zane: Gore: Hopkins: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.