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PROCLAMATION

“National Nurses Week 2019”

Whereas, the week of May 6-12, 2019, is **NATIONAL NURSES WEEK**, and the theme is “**4 MILLION REASONS TO CELEBRATE**”; and

Whereas, National Nurses Week begins each year on **May 6th** and ends on **May 12th**, on Florence Nightingales’ birthday; and

Whereas, registered nurses comprise our nation’s largest healthcare profession in 2019 at 4 million in the US and the benefits that registered nurses provide to our residents are critically important in achieving healthy people in healthy communities; and

Whereas, public health nurses are behind-the-scenes, boots-on-the-ground, grassroots purveyors of health and well-being in most communities, whether rural or urban; and

Whereas, San Benito County public health nurses are at the ready, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to respond to disease outbreaks such as measles, influenza, and E coli, playing a key role in reducing and eliminating the spread of infectious disease, thereby, preserving and prolonging the quality of life; and

Whereas, San Benito County public health nurses also provide services such as vaccinations, home visits, linkages to basic needs such as health care, food, shelter and protection; and

Whereas, across all sectors, nurses are increasingly found on boards, councils, coalitions, and governing bodies in attempts to affect health policy and improve the overall well-being of communities; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors has declared the week of May 6-12, 2019 as “National Nurses Week” with the theme-“**4 Million Reasons to Celebrate**” and recognize that during National Nurses Week and throughout the year, the benefits that licensed and registered nurses provide to our residents and nationwide, are critically important in achieving healthy communities whether directly through the efforts of treatment, prevention and containment of infectious disease, or indirectly through community education, mobilizing and public policy advocacy.

In witness of the approval of this Proclamation by the Board of Supervisors of San Benito County on this 7th day of May, 2019.

Mark Medina, Chairman
San Benito County Board of Supervisors