

Proclamation for National Nurses Week May 6-12, 2021

Whereas May 6-12, 2021 is National Nurses Week; and

Whereas Nurses have been at the frontline of a world health crisis, the Coronavirus-19 (COVID-19) pandemic. Nursing professionals need the support of the communities now more than ever. Nursing professionals stand strong as the largest workforce in health care, with over 4 million nurses across the United States; and

Whereas May 12 is the birthday of Ms. Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, for which “International Nurses Day” has been celebrated since 1965. In 1974 a week was designated by the White House as National Nurses Week, in February, with an attested proclamation issued by President Richard Nixon; and

Whereas in 1982, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation designating “National Recognition Day for Nurses” to be May 6. As of 1991, the American Nursing Association Board of Directors observes recognition of nurses from May 6-12 — ending on a day of significance — Florence Nightingale’s birthday.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby expresses deep gratitude and appreciation to all nurses. Thank you for dedication in caring, comforting, healing and uplifting patients in such a time of illness. In addition, Hidalgo County would like to extend acknowledgement to all nurses for their front line commitment during this unprecedented COVID-19 health crisis; your efforts will not be forgotten.

Approved this 4th day of May, 2021.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk