

*Proclamation declaring May 6-12 as National Nurses Week*

*Whereas* Hidalgo County has always honored those who serve society as nurses. In recent years, however, we have come to appreciate more than ever the complex and expanding role which nurses play in our health care system; 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* increasingly, the high quality of a nursing profession is making it possible for more Americans to enjoy better health services; and

*Whereas* as medical science makes new discoveries, nursing skills in turn must become more sophisticated and more specialized. In out-of-hospital settings, nurses in increasing numbers are assuming primary care roles as specialized nurse practitioners; 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 does hereby declare May 6-12 2022 National Nurses Week and expresses deep gratitude and appreciation to all nurses. Thank you for your 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022.**

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**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**  
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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**Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk