



# Solano County

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## Legislation Text

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Adopt a resolution recognizing the week of May 6-12, 2020 as National Nurses Week in Solano County

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒  
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Health and Social Services recommends the Board adopt a resolution recognizing May 6-12, 2020 as National Nurses Week in Solano County.

### **SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6 and ends on May 12, which is Florence Nightingale's birthday. The American Nurses Association has declared the theme of "Compassion, Expertise, and Trust" for 2020. The year 2020 is an especially important year, as it is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. In honor of this anniversary, the World Health Organization announced that 2020 will be the "Year of the Nurse and Midwife". This global spotlight on nurses and midwives is intended to be a unique opportunity to highlight the value of nurses as healthcare workers, to engage and demonstrate broad public and political support for more healthcare workers, and to address the growing worldwide healthcare worker shortage. This special year also provides an opportunity to highlight that more qualified nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of the residents of Solano County, due to the impact of social determinants of health, the aging of the population, and the continued expansion of needs for safety, healthy environments, and access to healthcare for all.

More than twenty-two million nurses make up most of the global health workforce. Nearly four million registered nurses in the United States and more than 415,000 nurses in California comprise both the nation's and the State's largest healthcare profession. Solano County currently employs 60 nurses who serve residents in a variety of program areas and settings, including Behavioral Health, Child Welfare Services, Family Health Services, and Solano Public Health's Communicable Disease Program, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Bureau and Older and Disabled Adult Services. Solano County nurses provide services including provision of medical care, promotion of health, and prevention of illness to individuals of all ages, families, groups and communities.

Solano County nurses, along with many other County professionals and staff, engaged early in the COVID-19 response by going into the field to collect specimens for lab testing, and calling/monitoring infected individuals and/or contacts. Nurses continue to support the COVID-19 response along with the Solano Public Health team by responding to hundreds of daily calls from healthcare providers and the community about the coronavirus pandemic.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The costs associated with preparing this agenda item are nominal and are included in the Department's FY2019/20 Adopted Budget.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board may choose not to adopt this resolution. This is not recommended as it is an opportunity to recognize the value, dedication, and commitment of all nurses throughout Solano County.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

None.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION