

Proclamation of the El Paso County Board of Health
Recognizing National Nurses Week 2024

Effective Date: April 24, 2024

WHEREAS, National Nurses Week is celebrated each year between May 6, National Nurses Day, and May 12, the birthday of celebrated nurse Florence Nightingale; and

WHEREAS, National Nurses Week honors the contributions and sacrifices of nurses and serves as a reminder to thank the medical professionals who keep individuals and communities healthy; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Nurses Week 2024 is “Nurses Make the Difference,” honoring nurses as extraordinary individuals who display courage, care, dedication, and commitment in caring for others and make a positive impact on everyone's lives; and

WHEREAS, the American Public Health Association defines public health nursing as the practice of promoting and protecting the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social, and public health sciences; and

WHEREAS, public health nurses work to promote wellness and help prevent disease and reduce health risks at the population level through evidence-based care and education; and

WHEREAS, El Paso County Public Health nurses serve individuals and families across numerous programs and services including Nurse-Family Partnership, Immunizations and Travel, Tuberculosis, Disease Prevention, Reproductive Health, Maternal Child Health, and much more; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, El Paso County Public Health nurses provided many critical services, including but not limited to: 11,329 immunizations, 1,981 reproductive health visits, 2,685 Nurse Family Partnership home visits, and care for 43 active and latent tuberculosis cases; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge and skills of public health nurses enable them to make significant contributions to public health through a unique combination of clinical nursing background with knowledge from the public health and social sciences; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever to celebrate nurses across all fields for their unwavering care and dedication for their patients and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the El Paso County Board of Health hereby proclaims the week of May 6th through 12th, 2024, as “National Nurses Week” in El Paso County, Colorado.

MOVED, SECONDED AND ADOPTED BY THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT ITS MEETING HELD APRIL 24, 2024, IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.

Signed by Board President Ted Collas and attested by Board Secretary Susan Wheelan.

