

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 97-4-30-1 ) IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING MAY 6,  
 ) 1997 AS PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE'S DAY

WHEREAS, the long tradition of Public Health Nursing began over 100 years ago when Lillian Wald opened the Henry Street Settlement House in New York City, offering care for mothers and children, the ill and the elderly poor who had no medical care available; and

WHEREAS, a group of concerned citizens who formed the Visiting Nurse Association with donations from the community hired the first nurse, Mrs. Lucy Morgan in 1902 and began Public Health Nursing in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, prevention is the main emphasis of Public Health Nurses and through their supervision, intervention and concern, the eradication of smallpox and control of diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella poliomyelitis and other communicable diseases has occurred; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses have advocated for access to health care for the poor, immunizations, communicable disease control, school nursing, family planning, home health care, prenatal care, infant and child care in well-child clinics; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses continue to work in the areas of maternal and child health, teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, homelessness, mental health, AIDS, hepatitis, violence, rape and homicide, making a significant contribution to our society; and

WHEREAS, this important work is still going on and is still needed in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, May 6, 1997 is National Nurse's Day, and the theme for 1997 is "Nurses Have the Courage to Share," and Public Health Nurses play an important role in America's health care; now therefore it is hereby

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Lane County Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the day of May 6, 1997 as Public Health Nurse's Day in Lane County. The Board urges all citizens to join us in recognizing and honoring the past accomplishments and supporting the future endeavors of Public Health Nursing.

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1997.

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COUNTY CLERK  
BY *Ram Sewell*

*Cindy Weeldreyer*  
Cindy Weeldreyer, Chair  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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