

***WHEREAS**, the 2.5 million Registered Nurses in the United States represent our nation's largest health care resource; and*

***WHEREAS**, high quality nursing care results in measurable outcomes of wellness and disease prevention; and*

***WHEREAS**, nurses are a visible watchdog and a vocal advocate for patients' interests as we move through massive changes in the health care system; and*

***WHEREAS**, nurses will continue to be of integral importance to health care as the population of elderly Texans grows, technological advances continue, and new sites and kinds of health care delivery emerge; and*

***WHEREAS**, May 6 is considered "Registered Nurses Recognition Day" and May 12 is the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of nursing as a modern profession; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Texas Nurses Association, in concert with the American Nurses Association, has declared the week of May 6 to May 12 as Nurses Week 2010 with a theme in Texas of "Caring Today For A Healthier Tomorrow" in celebration of the ways in which nurses contribute to the health and welfare of all Texans.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court that the week of May 6-12, 2010 be declared as*

"NURSES WEEK"

Signed this 3rd day of May 2010.

Commissioner Annabell Perez, Pct. 1

Commissioner Veronica Escobar, Pct. 2

Commissioner Willie Gandara, Pct. 3

Commissioner Daniel Haggerty, Pct. 4

Anthony Cobos
County Judge