National Nurses Week -
Culture of Safety: It Starts with You

National Nurses Week 2016 honors nurses with the theme "Culture of Safety: It Starts with You". National Nurses Week begins on May 6 and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of nursing as a modern profession.

Santa Barbara County Public Health Department’s Registered and Public Health Nurses will be honored at the May 10, 2016 Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisor’s meeting with Supervisor Salud Carbajal presenting a proclamation that highlights our nurses’ commitment toward improving the healthcare status of members of our community.

This year, National Nurses Week acknowledges the critical role nurses play in ensuring safe and quality healthcare. The American Nurses Association recognizes the nurses’ role in the provision of safe and quality healthcare and defines a culture of safety as one in which the core values and behaviors resulting from a collective and sustained commitment by organizational leadership, manager, and workers to emphasize safety over competing goals. It is through the nursing practice that improved and safe patient outcomes are possible. Nurses are recognized for their role as expert clinicians in diverse care settings and as leaders who dramatically influence the quality of care and overall performance of the healthcare system.

Please contact Susan Klein-Rothschild to arrange for an interview with a nurse receiving the proclamation at the May 10, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

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