

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Kennemer, Parrish, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Declares May 6 to 12, 2011, National Nurses Week in Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Nurses’ role in Oregon
- Importance of honoring nurses
- Only profession that has “caring” in scope of practice

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Nursing is the protection, promotion, and optimization of health and abilities, prevention of illness and injury, alleviation of suffering through the diagnosis and treatment of human response, and advocacy in the care of individuals, families, communities, and populations. With approximately 3.1 million registered individuals, nurses comprise the United States’ largest health care profession. For eight consecutive years nurses were voted the most trusted profession in American according to Gallup’s annual survey of professions.

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6 through May 12 because May 6 is National Nurses Day and May 12 is the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.