

1 [Declaring May 12, 2005 as “Nurses Day”]

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3 **Resolution declaring May 12, 2005 as “Nurses Day” in the City and County of San**
4 **Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The rights and benefits that nurses enjoy today were built on 50 years of
7 collective struggle; and

8 WHEREAS, Alone, no single nurse could have ever made thee gains for nursing; and

9 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association which was founded in 1903 in San
10 Francisco was the first organization in California to represent nurses, and

11 WHEREAS, The CAN, with over 60,000 members, represents the largest number of
12 registered nurses; and

13 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association, with 60,000 members represents the
14 largest number of registered nurses organized in San Francisco and California and,

15 WHEREAS, Registered nurses comprise the single largest health care profession, and

16 WHEREAS, Professional nursing is an indispensable component in the safety and
17 quality of care of patient care in every healthcare setting, and

18 WHEREAS, Registered nurses are often the last line of defense for patient safety in a
19 medical industry that increasingly places economic priorities above the quality of care; and

20 WHEREAS, The registered nurses of the California Nurses Association have assumed
21 the role as advocate for all patients in San Francisco and California, and

22 WHEREAS, CNA provides a powerful, effective, collective voice for registered nurses;
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24 WHEREAS, CNA registered nurses fought for ten years to achieve the nation’s first
25 Nurse-to-Patient ratios in all hospital units, and

1 WHEREAS, CNA members inspired a broad movement of working People, including
2 teachers, firefighters, police officers and students to oppose efforts by Governor
3 Schwarzenegger and his corporate allies to undermine the working conditions and benefits of
4 public employees; and

5 WHEREAS, The safe, quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be
6 an ever more important component of our health care delivery system in the future, and

7 WHEREAS, Nurses working in all sectors of healthcare recognize May 12, 2005,
8 Florence Nightingale's Birthday, as "Nurses Day," a celebration of the ways in which
9 registered nurses of the California Nurses Association and all nurses working throughout our
10 healthcare system provide safe, high quality patient care and patient services, now, therefore
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declare May 12,
13 2005 as "Nurses Day" in the City and County of San Francisco; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all San Franciscans join
15 us in honoring the registered nurses of the California Nurses Association and all registered
16 nurses who care for all of us, and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That all San Franciscans celebrate and recognize the
18 California Nurses Association and their contributions to improving our health and safety and
19 that we show our appreciation for all of this state's registered nurses not just during this week,
20 but at every opportunity and throughout the years to come.

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