

1 [National Nurses Month - May 2026 - National Nurses Week - May 6 through May 12, 2026]

2 **Resolution recognizing the month of May 2026 as National Nurses Month; and May 6**  
3 **through May 12, 2026, as National Nurses Week in the City and County of San**  
4 **Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The month of May is recognized nationally as National Nurses Month, and  
7 May 6 through May 12, 2026 is celebrated as National Nurses Week, a time set aside to  
8 honor the extraordinary women and men who dedicate their professional lives to the healing  
9 and care of others; and

10 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Veteran Affairs Health Care System (SFVAHCS),  
11 located on historic Fort Miley and officially opened on November 11, 1934, has served the  
12 veterans of San Francisco and the greater Bay Area for over 90 years, standing as a  
13 cornerstone of compassionate, expert medical care for those who have served our nation; and

14 WHEREAS, The SFVAHCS is one of the leading health care systems serving veterans  
15 in the Sierra Pacific VA Health Care Network, and remains a nationally recognized center of  
16 excellence in research, education, and clinical care; and

17 WHEREAS, The nursing staff of the SFVAHCS has continued to provide exemplary,  
18 unwavering care to our nation's veterans despite facing significant uncertainty about their  
19 employment and job security in the wake of the change in federal administrations,  
20 demonstrating a commitment to their patients and their profession that transcends institutional  
21 disruption; and

22 WHEREAS, Through this period of uncertainty, the nurses of the San Francisco VA  
23 have shown resilience, dedication, and an abiding professionalism that reflects the highest  
24 ideals of the nursing profession and honors the veterans in their care; and  
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1           WHEREAS, In January 2026, the SFVAHCS was notified by the American Nurses  
2           Credentialing Center (ANCC) that it has been awarded the prestigious Pathway to Excellence  
3           designation, a recognition specifically designed to foster healthcare environments where  
4           nurses can thrive, grow professionally, and deliver the highest standard of patient care; and

5           WHEREAS, Attaining this designation marks a monumental milestone for the  
6           SFVAHCS, highlighting its steadfast dedication to nurturing a professional environment that  
7           supports the growth, well-being, and empowerment of its nursing staff, and in turn, enhances  
8           the quality of care provided to our veterans; and

9           WHEREAS, the SFVAHCS is now one of only 16 VA hospitals in the entire national VA  
10          network to have received this distinguished recognition, and is the only hospital in the City and  
11          County of San Francisco to hold the Pathway to Excellence designation; now, therefore, be it

12          RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby honor and  
13          commend the entire nursing staff of the San Francisco VA Health Care System for their  
14          tireless service to the veterans of our city and our nation; and, be it

15          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the federal government to recognize the  
16          indispensable contributions of VA nurses nationwide and to take all necessary steps to ensure  
17          their job security, professional dignity, and well-being, for it is they who stand at the bedside of  
18          our veterans each and every day; and, be it

19          FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the San  
20          Francisco VA Health Care System and to the nursing staff of the SFVAHCS, as a testament to  
21          the City and County of San Francisco's profound appreciation for their service; and, be it

22          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board recognizes the month of May 2026 as National  
23          Nurses Month, and May 6 through May 12, 2026 as National Nurses Week, in the City and  
24          County of San Francisco.