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National Nurses Week to Be Celebrated May 6-12

Panama City, Florida – The work of America's 3.1 million registered nurses to save lives and to maintain the health of millions of individuals is the focus of this year's National Nurses Week, celebrated annually May 6-12 throughout the United States. The Bay County Commission declared May 6-12, 2010 as Nurses Week in Bay County. They hope to raise awareness of nursing and its impact in our community, and urge all residents to recognize the vital role nurses play in our health care system.

There are 3,188 Registered Nurses in Bay County. The theme for this year is Nurses: Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow. Our nurses reflect this theme everyday by their commitment to their patients, community and country.

Annually, National Nurses Week begins on May 6, marked as RN Recognition Day, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession

Traditionally, National Nurses Week is devoted to highlighting the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest and one of the most trusted health care professions, are working to improve health care. From public health nursing, school nursing, bedside nursing in hospitals and long-term care facilities, home health care, to the halls of research institutions, state legislatures, and Congress, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession is meeting the expanding health care needs of American society.

The Bay County Health Department is proud of the services provided to the community by our team of dedicated nurses. For more information about the Bay County Health Department, visit us on our website at www.baycountyhealth.org.

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