PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of May 6, 2018 through May 12, 2018, to be:

"NATIONAL NURSES WEEK"

and urges all citizens of the County to join in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the residents of Pima County celebrate registered nursing's accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation's registered nurses, not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of May 2018.