## **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, our nation's largest healthcare profession is comprised of 2.9 million registered nurses. Nursing professionals are meeting the various and emerging healthcare needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

**WHEREAS**, nurses' education and holistic focus promotes restoration and maintenance of health in the individual, therefore aiding in this community's efforts to help individuals make healthy lifestyle choices by putting prevention into practice; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Nurses Association, the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventative healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, nursing is a profession that embraces dedicated people with diverse interests, strengths and passions because of the many opportunities the profession offers. Nurses work in emergency rooms, school-based clinics, and homeless shelters, to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, professional nursing is an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients in Tucson; and

**WHEREAS**, the demand for nursing services is greater than ever because of our aging population, the continuing growth of life-sustaining technology and of home healthcare services; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost-effective, safe quality healthcare services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the healthcare delivery systems of the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Nursing Leaders in Tucson will be holding a city-wide celebration: A Showcase of Tucson Nurses - Sharing, Caring, Celebrating, which will occur on May 5, 2013 and will include a fullday seminar featuring Tucson area nurses' innovations in improving the health of our community and a gala honoring the Tucson Fabulous 50 Nurses, on May 11, 2013.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim May 5, 2013 through May 11, 2013, to be:

## "NURSES WEEK" Nurses Trusted to Care

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 16th day of April, 2013.

Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board