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All across the United States, nurses are being saluted

National Nurses Week to Be Celebrated May 6-12

The Pinellas County Health Department will join the American Nurses Association (ANA), the Florida Nurses Association (FNA) and other organizations in celebrating **National Nurses Week**, May 6-12. The annual awareness week is held to highlight the value of nursing and help educate the public about the role nurses play in meeting the health care needs of the American people.

“We are pleased to honor the commitment and tireless efforts of our dedicated nurses to promote and maintain the health of our community,” said John P. Heilman, MD, director of the Pinellas County Health Department. “We’re proud to recognize registered nurses everywhere during this special week for the care and compassion they provide 365 days a year.”

"Nurses: Strength, Commitment, Compassion" is the theme for this year's National Nurses Week, which opens on May 6 – the traditional National Nurses Day – and ends on May 12 – the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession.

National Nurses Week highlights the diverse ways in which nurses, the largest health care profession, work to improve healthcare. From bedside nursing in hospitals and long-term care facilities to county and state agencies, 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.

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The mission of the Pinellas County Health Department is to promote, protect and improve the health and safety of residents and visitors through public and private community efforts.
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