WHEREAS, National Nurses Week is celebrated each year between May 6, National Nurses Day, and May 12, the birthday of celebrated nurse Florence Nightingale; and

WHEREAS, National Nurses Week honors the contributions and sacrifices of nurses and serves as a reminder to thank the medical professionals who keep individuals and communities healthy; and

WHEREAS, The theme of National Nurses Week 2023 is “You Make a Difference”, honoring nurses as extraordinary individuals who display courage, care, dedication and commitment in caring for others and the positive impact they have on everyone’s lives; and

WHEREAS, The American Public Health Association defines public health nursing as the practice of promoting and protecting the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social, and public health sciences; and

WHEREAS, Public health nurses work to promote wellness and help prevent disease and reduce health risks at the population level through evidence-based care and education; and

WHEREAS, El Paso County Public Health nurses serve individuals and families across numerous programs and services including Nurse-Family Partnership, Immunizations and Travel, Tuberculosis, Disease Prevention, Reproductive Health, and much more; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, El Paso County Public Health nurses provided many critical services, including but not limited to: 9,602 immunizations, 1,609 reproductive health visits, 2,314 Nurse Family Partnership home visits, and care for 61 active and latent tuberculosis cases; and,

WHEREAS, The knowledge and skills of public health nurses enable them to make significant contributions to public health through a unique combination of clinical nursing background with knowledge from the public health and social sciences; and

WHEREAS, It is more important than ever to celebrate nurses across all fields for their unwavering care and dedication for their patients and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:

1. The week of May 6th through 12th, 2023, is proclaimed as “National Nurses Week” in El Paso County, Colorado.

MOVED, SECONDED AND ADOPTED BY THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT ITS MEETING HELD ON APRIL 26, 2023 IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.

EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

BY: [Signature] ATTEST BY: [Signature]

Ted Collas, President Susan Wheelan, Secretary