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MEETING DATE: October 11, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Hardy Bullock, District 5

SUBJECT: Resolution proclaiming October 6-12, 2022 as Physician Assistants Week in Nevada County

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: In an effort to acknowledge the critical healthcare work that Physician Assistants provide to patients, National Physician Assistant Week is celebrated annually from October 6-12. Subsequently, former Nevada County District V Supervisor Ted Owens, the current Executive Director for Governance & Business Development for the Tahoe Forest Health System has requested the Board of Supervisors consider the adoption of the attached resolution proclaiming October 6-12, 2022 as Physician Assistant Week in Nevada County.

As noted on the national website, "Physician assistants [(PAs)] are medical professionals with thousands of hours of training. Their skills enable them to diagnose illnesses, prescribe medications, and perform many medical tasks. [They] work closely with doctors and other healthcare providers. In most states, a PA has an agreement with a specific physician and practices alongside them. Physicians can oversee up to 4 PAs. The supervising physician doesn't have to be present when a PA is practicing, letting them take care of other tasks while the PA continues patient care. Physician Assistants can prescribe and administer medication, acting on behalf of their supervising physician. In some cases, PAs can even perform surgical procedures that use local anesthesia without the supervision of the physician...By relieving some of the duties of physicians, PAs help alleviate the pressure faced by overworked doctors and strained hospitals and clinics...Today, there are over 140,000 PAs practicing in the U.S., making 400 million patient interactions each year."

Therefore, I urge the Board to adopt the attached Resolution proclaiming October 6-12, 2022, as Physician Assistant Week in Nevada County, and encourage members of the public to thank their local provider.

Item Initiated by: Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Management Analyst
Approved by: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board
Submittal Date: September 28, 2022