

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 5-93

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS
OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING IN THE UNITED STATES**

WHEREAS, 1993 is the 100th Anniversary of Public Health Nursing in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the official event which marks the beginning of public health nursing in the United States was the founding of the first organized public health nursing agency, a part of the Henry Street Settlement, in New York City, in 1893; and

WHEREAS, the founder of the Henry Street Settlement, Ms. Lillian Wald, a nurse, began a large scale national movement to assure public health nurses would be available to those in need; and

WHEREAS, public health nurses today provide preventive and restorative health services, and focus on working in the community and are sensitive to diverse lifestyles, cultures, and ethnic groups; and

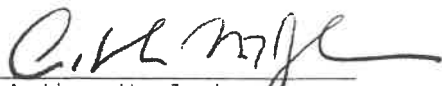
WHEREAS, public health nurses address a continuum of health needs including health promotion, disease prevention and communicable disease control, and provide services to pregnant women, young children, and other individuals and families at risk; and

WHEREAS, public health nurses in California have been recognized for their unique education and expertise in providing service to communities by being granted the Public Health Nursing Certificate from the State of California; and

WHEREAS, since 1908, public health nurses have provided a unique contribution of community health intervention services to the people of the City and County of San Francisco;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission commends Public Health Nurses, both past and present in the City and County of San Francisco, and in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Public Health Nursing, commemorates April 5, 1993 as Public Health Nurses Day, the 100th Anniversary of Public Health Nursing.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission on Monday, April 5, 1993.



Arthur M. Jackson
President