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**National Nurses Week to Be Celebrated May 6-12**

The work of America's 2.7 million registered nurses to save lives and to maintain the health of millions of individuals is the focus of this year's National Nurses Week, celebrated annually May 6-12 throughout the United States.

"Nurses: Your Voice, Your Health, Your Life" is the theme for 2004. National Nurses Week opens on May 6, the traditional National Nurses Day.

Annually, National Nurses Week begins on May 6, marked as RN Recognition Day, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession. During this week, nurses at Ukiah Valley Medical Center will be honored with a special dinner at the North State Street Café on Monday, May 10, 2004. Other events for nurses are planned throughout the week at the hospital including a nurse's hand dedication.

"Our nurses play a vital role in delivering our mission to the community," said UVMC President/CEO, Mark E. LaRose. "It is with great pride that we recognize our nurses for the care and compassion they provide to our community," said LaRose.

UVMC employs 127 RNs, 38 LVNs, and 22 CNAs.

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