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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the oldest health practitioner in the world may be the midwife, and midwives deliver the majority of the world's babies; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing demand and need for midwifery services in the United States and in California; and

WHEREAS, a new breed of midwife has been emerging in the United States over the past 50 years and is licensed in California as a Certified Nurse Midwife; and

WHEREAS, Certified Nurse Midwives are specialists in the normal birth process; and

WHEREAS, in addition to aiding the mother during normal delivery, nurse midwives advise expectant mothers in all areas of prenatal care including nutrition, as well as postpartum family care; and

WHEREAS, the record of Certified Nurse Midwives in reducing infant mortality is outstanding and the need for their services has never been greater; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to further recognize and encourage the unique contribution nurse midwives have made to the health of the people of California;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19-26, 1982, as "Nurse Midwifery Week" in this state and urge all Californians to join me in its observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 20th day of April 1982.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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