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Portneuf Medical Center Celebrates National Nurses Week

NURSES' BUILDING A HEALTHY AMERICA

Pocatello, ID (April 29, 2009) The work of America's 2.9 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. This year, the American Nurses Association has selected "***Nurses: Building a Healthy America***" as the theme for 2009.

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. These permanent dates enhance planning and position National Nurses Week as an established recognition event. Officially recognized in 1974 by President Richard Nixon, the occasion has grown since, with the designation of **National Student Nurses Day in 1998, and National School Nurse Day** (celebrated on the Wednesday within National Nurses Week) in 2003.

During this week, registered nurses at Portneuf Medical Center will be honored by a reception on May 6th where a brief presentation will take place, and a Proclamation from Mayor Roger Chase will be presented. For more information about this event, please contact Kathy Cuoio at Portneuf Medical Center at 239-2552, or to cover the event, call Brad Huerta at 251-2768