## Recognizing Allied Health Professionals Month

Across the nation, allied health professionals play a critical role in providing healthcare. Nationally, over three million healthcare providers work in more than 200 unique allied health professions. They work in healthcare teams to make the health care system function by providing a range of diagnostic, technical, therapeutic and direct patient care and support services that are critical to other health professionals with whom they work and the patients they serve.

In the County of Los Angeles (County), allied health professionals make an impact in County hospitals and clinics, jails, juvenile halls, schools, and laboratories, within the Departments of Public Health, Health Services, Mental Health, Sheriff, and the Agriculture Commission. Their contributions ensure that everyone receives quality care and health services throughout the County. They deliver services that meet the

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physical, medical and mental health needs of infants, children, adults, the elderly, the homeless, drug addicts, parolees, the disenfranchised, as well as people with chronic and/or acquired disabilities.

This critical workforce should be recognized for their important contribution to the delivery of quality care in the County of Los Angeles.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS proclaim the month of November 2012 as Allied Health Professionals Month in Los Angeles County.

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