

1 A RESOLUTION declaring February 5, 2020, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
2 Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, Advanced Practiced Registered Nurses (APRNs), constituting both
4 nurse practitioners and nurse-midwives, are trusted providers of health care for patients in
5 the Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, APRNs have advanced clinical education and training that builds upon
7 their initial registered nurse preparation; and

8 WHEREAS, there are over 8,000 licensed Kentucky APRNs who provide primary,
9 acute, midwifery, and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and

10 WHEREAS, APRNs diagnose and treat patients, and prescribe medications and
11 other treatments to them through a caring, patient-centered, holistic model of care; and

12 WHEREAS, citizens of the Commonwealth have great trust in the high-quality care
13 APRNs provide; and

14 WHEREAS, over five decades of research demonstrate the high quality of care
15 provided by APRNs; and

16 WHEREAS, better utilization of APRNs through modernized state laws and
17 improved policies will lead to better health of Kentuckians by creating a more accessible,
18 efficient, cost-effective, and higher-quality health care system in the Commonwealth;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
21 ***Kentucky:***

22 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby declares February 5, 2020, Advanced Practice
23 Registered Nurse Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

24 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor, recognition,
25 and celebration of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and the service and high-quality
26 care they administer to Kentuckians, and in appreciation of the World Health
27 Organization designating the year 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife.

- 1 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 2 Resolution to Senator Paul Hornback for delivery.