

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 69

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To recognize May 1, 2024, as Nurses Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and May 6 through May 12, 2024, as National Nurses Week in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, nurses' voices advocating for a healthier and safer Louisiana is the theme for Nurses Day at the capitol; and

WHEREAS, over sixty-five thousand registered nurses including over nine thousand advanced practice registered nurses are actively licensed in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association is the leading voice for healthcare advocacy in the state for nurses, healthcare settings, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association has established an expanding Program of Advocacy that collaborates with other professional organizations and solicits input from nurses statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association promotes ethical care and high standards for the practice of professional nursing; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association advocates for the inclusion of registered nurses on decision-making boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association advocates for increasing access to primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association advocates for access to quality maternal-child healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association advocates for a safe work environment that promotes the well-being of nurses; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association advocates that the complexity and challenges of nurse staffing must be addressed by nurse-led staffing committees and other strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association supports the American Nurses Association (ANA) Nursing Code of Ethics which calls upon nurses to "respect the inherent dignity, worth, unique attributes, and human rights of all individuals"; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association advocates for diversity in hiring, decision-making, and promotion in all healthcare settings; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association advocates for strategies to address human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the registered nursing profession is well-suited to address the diverse and emerging healthcare needs of the population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, registered nurses make a difference by influencing and shaping health policy decisions that ensure all Louisiana citizens have access to safe, high-quality, affordable healthcare coverage.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 1, 2024, as Nurses Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and May 6 through May 12, 2024 as National Nurses Week in Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE