
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 5, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2023 as "Nurses Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are many types of nurses, including, but not
4 limited to, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and
5 advanced practice nurses which include certified nurse midwives,
6 certified registered nurse practitioners, certified nurse
7 anesthetists and many more; and

8 WHEREAS, Serving as models of bravery for all of us, nurses
9 were on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic, putting
10 their lives at risk to care for others and combat the novel
11 coronavirus; and

12 WHEREAS, A strong nursing workforce increases access to
13 health care, reduces health disparities along socioeconomic and
14 racial lines and improves the health and wellness of our
15 communities; and

1 WHEREAS, Florence Nightingale established the first
2 scientifically based nursing school in London and is considered
3 the founder of modern nursing; and

4 WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman, who led enslaved people to freedom
5 through the underground railroad in Pennsylvania, was a nurse;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Other notable people throughout history who worked
8 in the nursing field include Mother Teresa, Dorothea Dix, Walt
9 Whitman, Hazel Johnson-Brown, Sylvia Mendez and Mary Eliza
10 Mahoney; and

11 WHEREAS, Safe levels of nursing staffing in our hospitals are
12 important for recruiting and retaining nurses and the health
13 outcomes of patients; and

14 WHEREAS, Nurses are needed in every school to ensure full
15 health care access for both children experiencing medical
16 emergencies and children with chronic medical conditions; and

17 WHEREAS, In order to unlock the full potential of nurses in
18 our health care system, barriers to practice as advanced
19 practice nurses must be eliminated; and

20 WHEREAS, There are many important groups that advocate for
21 nurses and their priorities in Pennsylvania, including, but not
22 limited to, Service Employees International Union, Pennsylvania
23 State Nurses Association, Pennsylvania Association of Staff
24 Nurses and Allied Professionals, Pennsylvania Association of
25 School Nurses and Practitioners, Southeastern Pennsylvania Area
26 Black Nurses Association, Nurses of Pennsylvania, the
27 Pennsylvania chapters of the National Association of Hispanic
28 Nurses, Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners, Nursing
29 Foundation of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania affiliate of the
30 American College of Nurse-Midwives and the Pennsylvania

1 Association of Nurse Anesthetists; and

2 WHEREAS, Due to the unique skill sets developed through their
3 irreplaceable work, nurses are needed throughout society,
4 including on boards of organizations, in the highest levels of
5 government and as elected officials; and

6 WHEREAS, The key to a strong and healthy Commonwealth is a
7 robust and respected nursing workforce; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
9 month of May 2023 as "Nurses Month" in Pennsylvania.