
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 8 through 14, 2013, as
2 "Nephrology Nurses Week" and asking all residents of this
3 Commonwealth to join in honoring the nephrology nurses who
4 care for patients with kidney disease.

5 WHEREAS, Nearly 20 million Americans suffer from kidney
6 disease and every year many Pennsylvania residents, including
7 children, adults and elderly individuals, are diagnosed with
8 kidney disease; and

9 WHEREAS, The depth and breadth of the nephrology nursing
10 profession meet the different and emerging kidney disease and
11 other health care needs of the population of this Commonwealth;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The American Nephrology Nurses' Association is
14 working to advance quality care for Americans with kidney
15 disease before they suffer complete organ failure, to increase
16 awareness in local communities, to positively influence patient

1 outcomes and to keep nephrology nurses abreast of the latest
2 treatments and kidney-related research; and

3 WHEREAS, Nephrology nurses function as educators, direct
4 caregivers and coordinators to help patients manage their lives
5 while effectively dealing with health issues; and

6 WHEREAS, As the number of new patients diagnosed with kidney
7 disease has doubled in each of the last two decades, the demand
8 for nephrology nurses will expand, as this trend is expected to
9 continue; and

10 WHEREAS, More qualified nephrology nurses will be needed to
11 meet the increasingly complex needs of patients who are
12 experiencing or are at risk for kidney disease; and

13 WHEREAS, Along with the American Nephrology Nurses'
14 Association, Keystone Chapter 110 has declared the week of
15 September 8 through 14, 2013, as Nephrology Nurses Week with the
16 theme "Nephrology Nurses Take Action" to celebrate and honor the
17 unselfish work nephrology nurses perform each day to maintain
18 the health of thousands of individuals with kidney disease;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
21 week of September 8 through 14, 2013, as "Nephrology Nurses
22 Week" and ask all residents of this Commonwealth to join in
23 honoring the nephrology nurses who care for patients with kidney
24 disease; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the residents of this Commonwealth celebrate
26 nephrology nurses' efforts to advance patient care and reduce
27 the incidence of kidney disease and show appreciation for
28 nephrology nurses not just during this week but at every
29 opportunity throughout the year.