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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 12 through 18, 2017, as "Nurse  
2 Practitioner Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners (NPs) serve as trusted frontline  
4 providers of health care for patients in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, NPs are advanced practice registered nurses who have  
6 advanced clinical education and training building upon their  
7 initial registered nurse preparation; and

8 WHEREAS, There are 234,000 licensed NPs in the United States  
9 and 11,608 NPs in this Commonwealth providing primary, acute and  
10 specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and

11 WHEREAS, NPs diagnose, treat and prescribe medications and  
12 other treatments to patients through a caring, patient-centered,  
13 holistic model of care; and

14 WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth and nation have great  
15 trust in the high-quality care NPs provide, resulting in more  
16 than a billion patient visits annually to NPs across the  
17 country; and

1       WHEREAS, Five decades of research demonstrate the high  
2 quality of care provided by NPs; and

3       WHEREAS, Better utilization of NPs through modernized State  
4 laws and improved policies creates better health through a more  
5 accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher-quality health  
6 care system; and

7       WHEREAS, Twenty-two states and the District of Columbia have  
8 implemented "full practice authority" for NPs, granting patients  
9 full and direct access to the outstanding care offered by these  
10 health care providers; and

11       WHEREAS, Leading governmental and policy entities, including  
12 the National Academy of Medicine, National Council of State  
13 Boards of Nursing, National Governors Association and Federal  
14 Trade Commission, have taken notice of the benefits of full  
15 practice authority for NPs and have endorsed such a regulatory  
16 model; and

17       WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proud to  
18 recognize and honor the service of NPs to this Commonwealth;  
19 therefore be it

20       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of November 12  
21 through 18, 2017, as "Nurse Practitioner Week" in Pennsylvania.