
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 10 through 16, 2019, 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 270,000 licensed NPs in the United States
9 and more than 13,700 NPs in this Commonwealth providing primary,
10 acute and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of
11 life; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth and nation have great
16 trust in the high-quality care NPs provide, resulting in more
17 than 1 billion patient visits annually to NPs across the

1 country; and

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

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

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

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

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

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of November 10
22 through 16, 2019, as "Nurse Practitioner Week" in Pennsylvania.