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DRISCOLL AND WARREN, NOVEMBER 18, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, NOVEMBER 18, 2019

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the year 2020 as the "Year of the Nurse and Midwife"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Established in 1903, the Pennsylvania State Nurses  
4 Association has been essential in advocating, leading, educating  
5 and connecting nurses to improve the health of patients in this  
6 Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Nurses and midwives are at the cornerstone of the  
8 public health infrastructure, providing specialist care and  
9 educating communities on disease prevention and health  
10 promotion; and

11 WHEREAS, In every setting, midwife-led maternity care results  
12 in reduced infant and maternal mortality and morbidity, fewer  
13 medical interventions and decreased costs; and

14 WHEREAS, There are more than 192,000 registered nurses in  
15 this Commonwealth, in addition to more than 700 nurse-midwives  
16 and 12,082 certified registered nurse practitioners; and

1 WHEREAS, Nurses are often the first and sometimes only health  
2 professional that people see, and the quality of their initial  
3 assessments, treatment and managed personal care is vital; and

4 WHEREAS, Nurses and midwives are also part of their local  
5 community and can shape and deliver effective interventions to  
6 meet the needs of patients, families and communities; and

7 WHEREAS, "National Midwifery Week" is held during the first  
8 full week of October each year to celebrate and recognize  
9 midwives and midwife-led care; and

10 WHEREAS, "National Nurses Week" is held May 6 through May 12  
11 each year, in conjunction with Florence Nightingale's birthday,  
12 to honor nurses for their tireless work and educate the public  
13 about nurses' roles in health care; and

14 WHEREAS, The year 2020 marks the 200th anniversary of the  
15 birth of Florence Nightingale; and

16 WHEREAS, Florence Nightingale is considered the founder of  
17 modern nursing, and her innovative approach to nursing  
18 transformed and defined the nursing profession; and

19 WHEREAS, In recognition of the essential role that nurses and  
20 midwives have in bringing health care services to everyone, and  
21 to honor the 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale,  
22 the World Health Organization has designated the year 2020 as  
23 the "Year of the Nurse and Midwife"; and

24 WHEREAS, Nursing and midwifery remain at the frontline of  
25 care to this day, whether in hospitals, long-term care nursing  
26 facilities, health clinics or other care facilities; and

27 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is proud to recognize and honor the  
28 service of nurses and midwives to this Commonwealth; therefore  
29 be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the

1 year 2020 as the "Year of the Nurse and Midwife" in

2 Pennsylvania; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the

4 crucial contribution of the nursing and midwifery professions to

5 health systems and the health of the people they serve.