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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 397 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY J. WARD, STREET, PHILLIPS-HILL, COLLETT,  
BARTOLOTTA, DINNIMAN, SCAVELLO, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, LEACH,  
BREWSTER, MENSCH, BAKER, GORDNER, HUGHES, BLAKE, KEARNEY,  
HUTCHINSON, BROWNE, SCHWANK, KILLION, COSTA, SABATINA,  
AUMENT, PITTMAN, TARTAGLIONE AND YUDICHAK, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and celebrating the designation of 2020 as "Year of  
2 the Nurse and Midwife."

3 WHEREAS, The Executive Board of the World Health Organization  
4 designated the year 2020 as "Year of the Nurse and Midwife" in  
5 conjunction with the 200th birth anniversary of Florence  
6 Nightingale; and

7 WHEREAS, The intent of this designation is to highlight the  
8 contributions of nurses and midwives in the health care system,  
9 acting as a bridge between the community and health  
10 institutions; and

11 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has 224,132 registered nurses,  
12 52,351 licensed practical nurses and 13,707 certified registered  
13 nurse practitioners, making nursing the largest licensed health  
14 care profession; and

15 WHEREAS, There are more than 450 active certified nurse-  
16 midwives (CNMs) licensed through the State Board of Nursing and

1 State Board of Medicine in this Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, There are 160 schools of nursing and three midwifery  
3 programs in this Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, The care provided by nurses in this Commonwealth is  
5 the primary component to a successful health care delivery  
6 system; and

7 WHEREAS, Nurse researchers in this Commonwealth have been  
8 awarded the most funding in the country from the National  
9 Institutes of Health in excess of \$22 million to provide the  
10 evidence-based findings to improve health for individuals,  
11 families and communities; and

12 WHEREAS, CNMs are primary care providers throughout women's  
13 lifespans, promoting the health and well-being of newborns and  
14 women, and care for families and communities during a time of an  
15 obstetric workforce shortage in the country; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize and celebrate the  
17 designation of 2020 as "Year of the Nurse and Midwife"; and be  
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the vital role of nurses  
20 and midwives in promoting and providing health care to the  
21 residents of this Commonwealth and the importance of investment  
22 in nursing and midwifery education and research to develop a  
23 sufficient and effective workforce.