

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 11 through 17, 2011, as
2 "Nephrology Nurses Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

7 WHEREAS, The depth and breadth of the nephrology nursing
8 profession meets the different and emerging kidney disease and
9 other health care needs of the population of Pennsylvania; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Nephrology Nurses' Association is
11 working to advance quality care to Americans who have kidney
12 disease before they suffer complete organ failure, increase
13 awareness in local communities, positively influence patient

1 outcomes and 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, The number of new patients diagnosed with kidney
7 disease has doubled in each of the last two decades, and the
8 demand for nephrology nurses will persist to expand because this
9 trend is expected to continue; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Along with the American Nephrology Nurses'
14 Association, the Keystone Chapter has declared the week of
15 September 11 through 17, 2011, as "Nephrology Nurses Week," with
16 the theme "Soaring to New Heights" to celebrate and honor the
17 unselfish work nephrology nurses perform each day to maintain
18 the health of thousands of individuals who have kidney disease;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
21 week of September 11 through 17, 2011, as "Nephrology Nurses
22 Week" in Pennsylvania and ask that all residents of Pennsylvania
23 join in honoring the nephrology nurses who care for patients who
24 have kidney disease; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That all residents of Pennsylvania are urged to
26 celebrate nephrology nursing's efforts to advance patient care
27 and reduce the incidence of kidney disease and to show our
28 appreciation for nephrology nurses not just during this week,
29 but throughout the year.