
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 20, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 8 through 14, 2015, as "Nurse
2 Practitioner Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are more than 205,000 licensed nurse
4 practitioners in the United States and approximately 9,500 nurse
5 practitioners in this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, The first nurse practitioner program was founded in
7 1965 and nurse practitioners have contributed greatly in
8 providing health care to patients during the last 50 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners provide high-quality, cost-
10 effective, patient-centered, personalized health care; and

11 WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners have completed graduate and
12 advanced education, with most having a master's degree and an
13 increasing number having a doctorate; and

14 WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners order, perform and interpret
15 diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic
16 conditions and prescribe medications and other treatments; and

1 WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners are partners in the health care
2 of their patients and, in addition to clinical services, focus
3 on health promotion, disease prevention and health education and
4 counseling, to guide patients to make smarter health and
5 lifestyle choices; and

6 WHEREAS, The excellence, safety and cost effectiveness of the
7 care provided by nurse practitioners are well established and
8 documented; and

9 WHEREAS, The confidence that patients have in health care
10 delivered by nurse practitioners is evidenced by the more than
11 916 million visits made to nurse practitioners annually; and

12 WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners provide health care to
13 individuals of all ages and in diverse health care settings,
14 such as private office practices, hospitals, long-term care
15 facilities, schools, State and local health departments, managed
16 care facilities and retail-based clinics; and

17 WHEREAS, More than 18% of nurse practitioners practice in a
18 rural setting with populations of less than 25,000; and

19 WHEREAS, It is documented that patients of nurse
20 practitioners are given more personal time and attention than
21 they traditionally receive from other health care providers; and

22 WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners should be recognized for their
23 contributions as dedicated health care professionals serving
24 patients in this Commonwealth and throughout the country;
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of November 8
27 through 14, 2015, as "Nurse Practitioner Week" in Pennsylvania.