
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HANBIDGE, HOHENSTEIN, HILL-EVANS, CEPHAS, SANCHEZ,
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MENTZER, DELLOSO, TOPPER, TWARDZIK AND NEILSON,
OCTOBER 4, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, OCTOBER 4, 2022

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 13 through 19, 2022, as "Nurse
2 Practitioner Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners, also known as certified
4 registered nurse practitioners or advanced practice registered
5 nurses, are some of the hardest-working health professionals
6 across the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners are highly educated and trained
8 medical professionals who provide primary care, counseling,
9 diagnoses, prescriptions, health education and other medical
10 services to more than 1 billion patients each year; and

11 WHEREAS, Research has shown that nurse practitioners provide
12 high-quality, cost-effective and unique approaches to health
13 care that result in a high level of patient satisfaction; and

14 WHEREAS, Patients under the care of a nurse practitioner are
15 reported to have less risk of severe health problems in their
16 future; and

17 WHEREAS, The nurse practitioner profession began in response

1 to an increase in demand for primary care providers in the
2 United States and has been in existence for more than 50 years;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Currently, there are more than 16,000 professionals
5 recognized as certified registered nurse practitioners in this
6 Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, "National Nurse Practitioner Week" was created by
8 the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners to celebrate the
9 importance of nurse practitioners and urge lawmakers to remove
10 practice restrictions still in place today; and

11 WHEREAS, Research has proven that the current mandates placed
12 on Pennsylvania nurse practitioners restrict access to care and
13 offer no patient health benefits; and

14 WHEREAS, The recognition of "Nurse Practitioner Week" in this
15 Commonwealth can bring better awareness to this important
16 profession and help remove the barriers to practice; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2004, the United States Congress officially
18 recognized "National Nurse Practitioner Week" in this country;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
21 designate the week of November 13 through 19, 2022, as "Nurse
22 Practitioner Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly recognize the countless
24 contributions that Pennsylvania nurse practitioners have made
25 over the past half-century and will continue to make on behalf
26 of the health and well-being of all.