

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JOSEPHS AND DALEY, OCTOBER 1, 1996

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 1, 1996

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Governor to proclaim October 9, 1996, as "Emergency
2 Nurses Day" in this Commonwealth and urging all citizens of
3 Pennsylvania to join in its observance.

4 WHEREAS, October 9, 1996, has been designated as "National
5 Emergency Nurses Day"; and

6 WHEREAS, Emergency nurses are an extremely vital part of the
7 health care and emergency medical care delivery systems in this
8 Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, The vitality of these nurses to our Commonwealth was
10 reemphasized most recently by the passage of Act 82 of 1994, an
11 amendatory act to the Emergency Medical Services Act; this
12 amendatory act provides for the certification of prehospital

1 registered nurses (PHRN) by the Department of Health; and

2 WHEREAS, Emergency nurses practice in a variety of settings,
3 including rural and urban hospitals, trauma centers, clinics,
4 health maintenance organizations, industrial institutions,
5 military settings, ambulatory centers and aeromedical and ground
6 transport vehicles; and

7 WHEREAS, There are several subspecialties of emergency
8 nursing, including pediatrics, trauma management, prehospital
9 care, military, rural aeromedical and trauma, and the
10 collaboration of emergency nurses is also sought for educational
11 programs, disaster planning, organ and tissue procurement,
12 injury prevention campaigns and prehospital care; and

13 WHEREAS, Approximately 45% of all emergency nurses work in
14 hospitals, and there are over 5,000 hospital-based emergency
15 departments and over 70,000 emergency nurses in this country;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, It is fitting to join in the national observance of
18 these dedicated people; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Governor
20 to proclaim October 9, 1996, as "Emergency Nurses Day" in this
21 Commonwealth; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all citizens
23 of this Commonwealth to join in its observance; and be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That before October 9, 1996, a copy of this
26 resolution be transmitted to Governor Thomas J. Ridge.