

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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DINNIMAN, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 5 through 12, 2020, as
2 "Pediatric Nurses Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Home health agencies in Pennsylvania provide
4 pediatric shift nursing to help children with complex medical
5 needs live as independently as possible at home with their
6 families; and

7 WHEREAS, The key benefit of pediatric shift nursing care is
8 that children can receive care outside of a hospital or facility
9 and in their own homes with their families, regardless of the
10 medical equipment necessary for their care; and

11 WHEREAS, Pediatric shift nurses are registered nurses and
12 licensed practical nurses who are able to administer prescribed
13 medication and ensure that a child's condition remains stable;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Pediatric shift nurses are a lifeline to families
16 who need the support and assistance so that parents can continue
17 to work and siblings can continue to participate in school and

1 community activities; and

2 WHEREAS, Approximately 4,000 children throughout this
3 Commonwealth are eligible to receive pediatric shift nursing in
4 their homes where they can continue to live with their families;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, There is a severe shortage of pediatric shift nurses
7 available to provide this in-home care to children; and

8 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 public health emergency,
9 pediatric shift nursing is of paramount importance to keep
10 medically vulnerable children in their homes where they can
11 receive life-sustaining treatment and care without unnecessary
12 exposure to harm; and

13 WHEREAS, The Senate recognizes the importance of this care
14 and the increased need for pediatric shift nurses in providing
15 care to Pennsylvania's children with complex medical needs;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of October 5
18 through 12, 2020, as "Pediatric Nurses Week" in Pennsylvania.