

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 11, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2024 as "Nurses Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are many types of nurses, including registered  
4 nurses, licensed practical nurses and advanced practice nurses,  
5 which include certified nurse midwives, certified registered  
6 nurse practitioners and certified nurse anesthetists, and many  
7 other different types as well; and

8 WHEREAS, Nurses were on the front lines during the COVID-19  
9 pandemic, putting their lives at risk to look after others and  
10 combat the novel coronavirus as models of bravery for all of us;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Nurses accounted for one-third of all health care  
13 workforce deaths in the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

14 WHEREAS, A strong nursing workforce increases access to  
15 health care, reduces health disparities along socioeconomic and

1 racial lines and improves the health and wellness of our  
2 communities; and

3 WHEREAS, Many important individuals throughout history who  
4 modeled selfless service and broke down barriers were nurses;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Florence Nightingale was considered the founder of  
7 modern nursing, and she established the first scientifically  
8 based nursing school in London; and

9 WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman, who led enslaved people to freedom  
10 through the underground railroad in Pennsylvania, was a nurse;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Other notable individuals throughout history who  
13 worked in the nursing field include Mother Teresa, Dorothea Dix,  
14 Walt Whitman, Hazel Johnson-Brown, Sylvia Mendez and Mary Eliza  
15 Mahoney; and

16 WHEREAS, Nurses do not just work in hospitals and doctors'  
17 offices but in many workplaces and settings; and

18 WHEREAS, School nurses ensure full health care access for  
19 both children experiencing medical emergencies and children with  
20 chronic medical conditions; and

21 WHEREAS, It takes years of schooling and passing  
22 accreditation exams in order to become a nurse; and

23 WHEREAS, A successful nurse's crucial skills include critical  
24 thinking, compassion, professionalism, stress management and  
25 resilience; and

26 WHEREAS, Many nurses work long shifts and odd hours that can  
27 keep them away from their families and friends; and

28 WHEREAS, Nurses do important, tiring and thankless work all  
29 throughout our society; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the

1 month of May 2024 as "Nurses Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
2 further

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage  
4 supporting a robust and respected nursing workforce to have a  
5 strong and healthy Commonwealth.