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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
NOVEMBER 6, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 12 through 18, 2017, as "Nurse  
2 Practitioner Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners serve as trusted frontline  
4 providers of health care for patients in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners are advanced practice registered  
6 nurses with advanced clinical education and training, which  
7 builds upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and

8 WHEREAS, There are 234,000 licensed nurse practitioners in  
9 the United States, and 11,068 in Pennsylvania, providing  
10 primary, acute and specialty care to patients of all ages and  
11 walks of life; and

12 WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners diagnose, treat and prescribe  
13 medications and other treatments to patients through a caring,  
14 patient-centered, holistic model of care; and

15 WHEREAS, The people of this nation and Commonwealth have

1 great trust in the high-quality care nurse practitioners  
2 provide, resulting in more than 1 billion patient visits  
3 annually to nurse practitioners across the country; and

4 WHEREAS, Five decades of research demonstrates the high  
5 quality of care provided by nurse practitioners; and

6 WHEREAS, Better utilization of nurse practitioners through  
7 modernized state laws and improved system policies creates  
8 better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-  
9 effective and higher-quality health care system; and

10 WHEREAS, Twenty-two states and the District of Columbia have  
11 implemented full practice authority for nurse practitioners,  
12 granting patients full and direct access to the outstanding care  
13 offered by these health care providers; and

14 WHEREAS, Leading governmental and policy entities, including  
15 the National Academy of Medicine, National Council of State  
16 Boards of Nursing, National Governors Association and Federal  
17 Trade Commission, have taken notice of the benefits of nurse  
18 practitioner full practice authority and endorsed this  
19 regulatory model; and

20 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is proud to recognize and honor the  
21 service of nurse practitioners to our Commonwealth; therefore be  
22 it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
24 week of November 12 through 18, 2017, as "Nurse Practitioner  
25 Week" in Pennsylvania in recognition of the countless  
26 contributions that nurse practitioners have made over the past  
27 half-century and will continue to make to the health and well-  
28 being of the residents of this Commonwealth.