
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SONNEY, PASHINSKI, NEILSON, A. DAVIS, YOUNGBLOOD, READSHAW
AND HOWARD, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the year 2020 as "Year of the Nurse and Midwife."

2 WHEREAS, The Executive Board of the World Health Organization
3 designated the year 2020 as "Year of the Nurse and Midwife" in
4 conjunction with the 200th birthday of Florence Nightingale; and

5 WHEREAS, The intent of this designation is to highlight the
6 contributions of nurses and midwives in the health care system,
7 acting as a bridge between the community and health
8 institutions; and

9 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has 226,941 registered nurses,
10 54,116 licensed practical nurses and 13,707 certified registered
11 nurse practitioners, making nursing the largest licensed health
12 care profession; and

13 WHEREAS, There are more than 450 active certified nurse-
14 midwives (CNMs) and certified midwives (CMs) licensed through
15 the State Board of Nursing and State Board of Medicine in this

1 Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, There are 160 schools of nursing and 3 midwifery
3 programs in this Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, The care provided by nurses in this Commonwealth is
5 the primary component to a successful health care delivery
6 system; and

7 WHEREAS, Nurse researchers in this Commonwealth have been
8 awarded the most funding in the country from the National
9 Institutes of Health, in excess of \$22 million, to provide the
10 evidence-based findings to improve health for individuals,
11 families and communities; and

12 WHEREAS, CNMs and CMs are primary care providers throughout
13 women's lifespans, promoting the health and well-being of
14 newborns and women, and care for families and communities during
15 a time of an obstetric workforce shortage in the country;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
18 year 2020 as "Year of the Nurse and Midwife"; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
20 vital role of nurses and midwives in promoting and providing
21 health care to the residents of this Commonwealth and the
22 importance of investment in nursing and midwifery education and
23 research to develop a sufficient and effective workforce.