
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MACKENZIE, DEASY, MOUL AND B. MILLER, AUGUST 25, 2020

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
AUGUST 25, 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

1 who need the support and assistance so that parents can continue
2 to work and siblings can continue to participate in school and
3 community activities; and

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

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

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

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

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
20 week of October 5 through 12, 2020, as "Pediatric Nurses Week"
21 in Pennsylvania.