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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 6-12 AS "NATIONAL NURSES WEEK" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE

1 WHEREAS, there are approximately 3 million licensed nurses in the United States and over 10,000 in the state of
2 Delaware alone; and

3 WHEREAS, registered nurses provide unique medical care for numerous American citizens across an array of
4 settings; and

5 WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association (ANA), which acts to represent the interests of registered nurses in
6 the United States, is at the forefront of improving the quality of health care for all citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventative health care will require better utilization of all our
8 country's registered nursing resources; and

9 WHEREAS, professional nursing is an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care offered to
10 hospitalized patients; and

11 WHEREAS, the demand for registered nurses is greater now than ever before due to the aging of the American
12 population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the exponential growth of home health care
13 services; and

14 WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the continually growing
15 complex needs of health care consumers in Delaware and across the country; and

16 WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe, and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an
17 increasingly important component of the United States health care delivery system in the future; and

18 WHEREAS, beginning under the Reagan administration, the week beginning on May 6th and ending on May 12th,
19 Florence Nightingale's birthday, is denoted annually as National Nurses Week; and

20 WHEREAS, the theme for this year's National Nurses Week is "Nurses: Inspire, Innovate, Influence."

21 NOW, THEREFORE:

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
23 Representatives concurring therein, that the week of May 6-12, 2018 be recognized as National Nurses Week to honor the
24 registered nurses in Delaware who care for all Delawareans.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that registered nurses' accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care
26 system be acknowledged not just during National Nurses Week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution designates the week of May 6-12 as "National Nurses Week" in Delaware.

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