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Rep. Briggs King & Rep. Minor-Brown on behalf of all
Representatives

DELAWARE STATE SENATE
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, the theme for this year's National Nurses Week is "A Voice to Lead—Health for All."

23 NOW, THEREFORE:

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 150th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
25 Representatives concurring therein, that the week of May 6-12, 2019 be recognized as National Nurses Week to honor the
26 registered nurses and licensed practical nurses in Delaware who care for all Delawareans.

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

SYNOPSIS

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

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