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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS "NATIONAL NURSES MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, there are over 4 million licensed nurses in the United States and over 22,000 in the state of Delaware
2 alone; and

3 WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association extended the traditional celebration of Nurses Week from May 6th
4 through May 12th, Florence Nightingale's birthday, into a month-long celebration of Nurses; and

5 WHEREAS, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses provide unique, holistic, compassionate care for
6 numerous American citizens across an array of settings; and

7 WHEREAS, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses, along with other health professionals, have made
8 significant sacrifices and strides in combatting the COVID-19 pandemic in Delaware; and

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

12 WHEREAS, the Delaware Nurses Association (DNA), and its' organizational affiliates, the Delaware
13 Organization for Nursing Leadership, Delaware Emergency Nurses Association, Delaware State Affiliate of the American
14 College of Nurse Midwives and Delaware Coalition of Nurse Practitioners, which act to represent the interests of all
15 licensed Delaware nurses is at the forefront of improving the quality of health care for all citizens; and

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

18 WHEREAS, professional nursing is an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care offered to all
19 patients; and

20 WHEREAS, through national polls, American citizens have ranked the nursing profession as the profession with
21 the highest ethical standards and honesty for 20 years in a row; and

22 WHEREAS, the demand for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses is greater now than ever before due to
23 the aging of the American population, multiple concurrent public health crises, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining
24 technologies, and the exponential growth of home health care services; and

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

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

30 WHEREAS, the theme for this year's National Nurses Month is "YOU Make a Difference."

31 NOW, THEREFORE:

32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
33 Senate concurring therein, that the month of May 2022 be recognized as National Nurses Month to honor the registered
34 nurses and licensed practical nurses in Delaware who care for all Delawareans.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that registered nurses' and licensed practical nurses' accomplishments and efforts
36 to improve our communities and health care system be acknowledged not just during National Nurses Month, but at every
37 opportunity throughout the year.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution designates the month of May as "National Nurses Month" in Delaware.