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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

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

1 WHEREAS, there are over 5 million licensed nurses in the United States and over 27,000 in the State of Delaware;  
2 and

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

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

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

10 WHEREAS, the ANA, which acts to represent the interests of registered nurses in the United States, is at the  
11 forefront of improving the quality of health care for all citizens; 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, Delaware Coalition of Nurse Practitioners, and Delaware Association of Nurse Anesthetists,  
15 which act to represent the interests of all licensed Delaware nurses is at the forefront of improving the quality of health care  
16 for all citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary, preventative, and mental health care will require better utilization of  
18 all our country's licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses; and

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

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

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

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

29 WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe, and quality health care services provided by licensed practical nurses,  
30 registered nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses will be an increasingly important component of the U.S. health  
31 care delivery system in the future; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE:

34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the  
35 Senate concurring therein, that the month of May 2023 be recognized as National Nurses Month to honor the licensed  
36 practical nurses, registered nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses in Delaware who care for all residing in  
37 Delaware.

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

#### SYNOPSIS

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