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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 124

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

1 WHEREAS, licensed nurses in the United States and Delaware constitute the largest health care profession; and
2 WHEREAS, along with the American Nurses Association (ANA), the Delaware Nurses Association (DNA) has
3 declared May 6-12 as Nurses Week, with the theme "Nurses Make the Difference," with appreciation for nurses'
4 unparalleled impact during the pandemic, and their contributions to health care, and an open invitation to #ThankANurse
5 for enriching our lives and the world we live in; and

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

8 WHEREAS, the ANA, which acts to represent the interests of registered nurses in the United States, is at the
9 forefront of improving the quality of health care for all citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, the Delaware Nurses Association (DNA), and its' organizational affiliates, the Delaware Emergency
11 Nurses Association, Delaware State Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives, Delaware Coalition of Nurse
12 Practitioners, Delaware Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Chi Eta Phi Delaware Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau Delaware
13 Chapters and Black Nurses Rock Delaware Chapter, which act to represent the interests of all licensed Delaware nurses is
14 at the forefront of improving the quality of health care for all citizens; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE:

31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
32 Senate concurring therein, that the week of May 6-12, 2024, be recognized as National Nurses Week to honor the licensed
33 practical nurses, registered nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses in Delaware who care for all residing in
34 Delaware.

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

SYNOPSIS

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