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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MAY 6TH-12TH AS "NATIONAL NURSES WEEK"

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: May 09, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, The nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our  
2 nation's largest health care profession; and

3           WHEREAS, The depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meet the  
4 different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, The American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of  
7 this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing  
8 delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

9           WHEREAS, A renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the  
10 better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

11           WHEREAS, Professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable  
12 component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

13           WHEREAS, The demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever  
14 because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining  
15 technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

16           WHEREAS, More qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the  
17 increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

18           WHEREAS, The cost-effective, safe, and quality health care services provided by  
19 registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery  
20 system in the future; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
2 hereby joins the Rhode Island State Nurses Association and the American Nurses Association in  
3 recognizing the week of May 6<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup> of 2012 as “National Nurses Week” in  
4 celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high-quality patient  
5 care and map out improvements to our health care system; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby urges the residents of this state to join us in  
7 honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us. We furthermore celebrate registered  
8 nursing's accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and extend our  
9 appreciation for the nation's registered nurses not just during this week, but also at every  
10 opportunity throughout the year; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island State Nurses Association.

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