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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING "NATIONAL NURSES WEEK" ON MAY 6, 2016, THROUGH MAY 12,
2016, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Coyne, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Lombardi, and Metts

Date Introduced: May 12, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The more than 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States comprise
2 our 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

1 system in the future; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby joins the American Nurses Association of Rhode Island and the American Nurses
4 Association in recognizing the week of May 6th through May 12th of 2016, as "National Nurses
5 Week" in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high-
6 quality patient care and map out improvements to our health care system; and be it further

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

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

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