

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

S E N A T E R E S O L U T I O N

**CELEBRATING THE WEEK OF MAY 6TH THROUGH MAY 12TH AS "NATIONAL
NURSES WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Goldin, Crowley, McCaffrey, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: May 07, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, National Nurses Week is a time to recognize and honor this year's theme "4
2 Million Reasons to Celebrate" as a nod to nurses' sheer numbers and to extend an open thank you
3 and acknowledgement to #ThankNurse for enriching our lives and the world in which we live;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Registered nurses in the United States constitute this nation's largest health
6 care profession; and

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Professional nursing has demonstrated itself to be an indispensable
16 component in providing safety and quality of care for hospitalized patients; and

17 WHEREAS, The demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever
18 because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining
19 technologies, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

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

3 WHEREAS, The cost-effective, safe, and high-quality health care services provided by
4 registered nurses will be an increasingly important component of the United States health care
5 delivery system in the future; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby joins the American Nurses Association in celebrating the week of May 6th through May
8 12th, 2019, as "National Nurses Week"; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That this Senate moreover urges all the residents of the State to join in
10 honoring the registered nurses who care for us all, and to celebrate their efforts to improve our
11 health care system and their accomplishments, not just during this week, but at every opportunity
12 throughout the year; and be it further

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

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