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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

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

Introduced By: Senators Bell, Valverde, and DiMario

Date Introduced: May 04, 2021

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, National Nurses Week is a time to recognize and honor this year's theme "A
2 Voice to Lead – A Vision for Future Healthcare." It is also a time to acknowledge and express our
3 heartfelt gratitude to our State's brave, dedicated, and determined nurses who are and have been
4 on the frontlines day after day and month after month for more than a year, working to save the
5 lives of our loved ones during the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

6 WHEREAS, Registered nurses in the United States constitute this nation's largest
7 healthcare profession; and

8 WHEREAS, The depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession have met and
9 exceeded the different and emerging healthcare needs of the American population during this
10 pandemic and in a wide range of settings; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Nurses Association, as the voice for registered nurses across
12 this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing
13 delivery of primary and preventive healthcare and requiring better utilization of all our nation's
14 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 for playing a
17 pivotal role in addressing the concerns and quelling community fears during the current
18 pandemic; and

19 WHEREAS, The demand for registered nursing services is greater than ever, due to the

1 aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, the
2 explosive growth of home healthcare services, and the need to develop coordinated networking to
3 prevent and contain new and emergent widespread infectious diseases; and

4 WHEREAS, More qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the
5 increasingly complex needs of healthcare consumers in this country and across the world; and

6 WHEREAS, The cost-effective, safe, and high-quality healthcare services provided by
7 registered nurses will be an increasingly important component of the United States healthcare
8 delivery system in the future; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby joins the American
10 Nurses Association in celebrating the week of May 6th through May 12th, 2021, as "National
11 Nurses Week"; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate moreover urges all the residents of the State to join in
13 honoring and thanking the registered nurses who have selflessly cared for us all, and to celebrate
14 their efforts and accomplishments in improving our healthcare system, not just during this week,
15 but at every opportunity throughout the year; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the American Nurses Association, the United
18 Nurses & Allied Professionals, and the Rhode Island State Nurses Association.

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