

# The Massachusetts Senate



## Resolutions

### CONGRATULATING THE MASSACHUSETTS NURSES ASSOCIATION AND THE MASSACHUSETTS ORGANIZATION OF NURSE LEADERS FOR THEIR OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL NURSES WEEK AND NATIONAL NURSES DAY.

**WHEREAS**, THE MASSACHUSETTS NURSES ASSOCIATION AND THE MASSACHUSETTS ORGANIZATION OF NURSE LEADERS CELEBRATE MAY 6 AS NATIONAL NURSES DAY AND MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 12 AS NATIONAL NURSES WEEK; AND

**WHEREAS**, IN 1953, DOROTHY SUTHERLAND, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, WROTE TO PRESIDENT DWIGHT EISENHOWER SUGGESTING THAT A NATIONAL NURSES DAY BE OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMED; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION FORMALLY RECOGNIZED MAY 6 AS "NATIONAL NURSES DAY" IN FEBRUARY OF 1982 AND FORMAL RECOGNITION BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN SO ON FOLLOWED; AND

**WHEREAS**, ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF NURSING, NURSING IS THE NATION'S LARGEST HEALTH PROFESSION WITH MORE THAN 3.8 MILLION REGISTERED NURSES NATIONWIDE AND, AS OF 2018, OVER 151,000 REGISTERED NURSES AND LICENSED REGISTERED NURSES AND OVER 12,000 ACTIVE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES IN THE COMMONWEALTH; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL NURSES DAY AND NATIONAL NURSES WEEK IS A TIME TO REFLECT ON THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS THAT NURSES MAKE IN OUR COMMUNITIES BY PROVIDING SAFE AND HIGH-QUALITY CARE TO PATIENTS, ESPECIALLY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, IN WHICH NURSES ARE WORKING ON THE FRONT LINES TO PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THOSE IN THEIR CARE; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE HEREBY CONGRATULATES THE MASSACHUSETTS NURSES ASSOCIATION AND THE MASSACHUSETTS ORGANIZATION OF NURSE LEADERS ON THEIR OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL NURSES DAY AND NATIONAL NURSES WEEK AND FURTHER EXPRESSES ITS BEST WISHES TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NURSING PROFESSION FOR THEIR SELFLESS WORK; AND BE IT FURTHER

**RESOLVED**, THAT COPIES OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED FORTHWITH BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS NURSES ASSOCIATION AND THE MASSACHUSETTS ORGANIZATION OF NURSE LEADERS.

SENATE, ADOPTED, MAY 7, 2020.

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