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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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BOROWSKI, MENTZER AND DELLOSO, MAY 19, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 19, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2023 as "Nurses Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are many types of nurses, including registered  
4 nurses, licensed practical nurses and advanced practice nurses,  
5 which include certified nurse midwives, certified registered  
6 nurse practitioners and certified nurse anesthetists, and many  
7 more; and

8 WHEREAS, Nurses were on the front lines during the COVID-19  
9 pandemic, putting their lives at risk to look after others and  
10 combat the novel coronavirus as models of bravery for all of us;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Nurses accounted for one-third of all health care  
13 workforce deaths in the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

14 WHEREAS, A strong nursing workforce increases access to  
15 health care, reduces health disparities along socioeconomic and  
16 racial lines and improves the health and wellness of our

1 communities; and

2 WHEREAS, Many important persons throughout history who  
3 modeled selfless service and broke down barriers were nurses;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Florence Nightingale was considered the founder of  
6 modern nursing, and she established the first scientifically  
7 based nursing school in London; and

8 WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman, who led enslaved people to freedom  
9 through the underground railroad in Pennsylvania, was a nurse;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Other notable people throughout history who worked  
12 in the nursing field include Mother Teresa, Dorothea Dix, Walt  
13 Whitman, Hazel Johnson-Brown, Sylvia Mendez and Mary Eliza  
14 Mahoney; and

15 WHEREAS, Nurses do not just work in hospitals and doctors'  
16 offices but in many workplaces and settings; and

17 WHEREAS, School nurses ensure full health care access for  
18 both children experiencing medical emergencies and children with  
19 chronic medical conditions; and

20 WHEREAS, It takes years of schooling and passing  
21 accreditation exams in order to become a nurse; and

22 WHEREAS, A successful nurse's crucial skills include critical  
23 thinking, compassion, professionalism, stress management and  
24 resilience; and

25 WHEREAS, Many nurses work long shifts and odd hours that can  
26 keep them away from their families and friends; and

27 WHEREAS, Nurses do important, tiring and thankless work all  
28 throughout our society; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
30 month of May 2023 as "Nurses Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it

1 further

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage  
3 supporting a robust and respected nursing workforce in order to  
4 have a strong and healthy Commonwealth.