
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 3, 2015

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to support H.R.
2 379, The National Nurses Act of 2015, or similar legislation,
3 which designates the Chief Nurse Officer of the United States
4 Public Health Service as the National Nurse for Public
5 Health.

6 WHEREAS, This nation continues to face an epidemic of
7 preventable conditions and chronic diseases that are soaring to
8 alarming rates; and

9 WHEREAS, Nurses are crucial to the promotion of preventive
10 care and the caring of the whole person; and

11 WHEREAS, Nurses are highly valued and trusted by the public
12 and are often in a position to deliver educational messages to
13 the public about ways to improve their health and prevent
14 disease; and

15 WHEREAS, Under H.R. 379, the National Nurse for Public Health
16 would act to raise awareness of health issues and promote good
17 health through education and community outreach; and

18 WHEREAS, The National Nurse for Public Health would also

1 serve as an effective partner to the existing United States
2 Office of the Surgeon General; and

3 WHEREAS, The National Nurse for Public Health would:

4 (1) participate in the identification of health
5 priorities;

6 (2) enhance recruitment to combat the serious nursing
7 shortage;

8 (3) play a role when necessary to mobilize large numbers
9 of nurse volunteers to respond to emergencies;

10 (4) engage practicing nurses and other health
11 professionals, students and retirees to participate in health
12 promotion activities; and

13 (5) replicate successful health promotion programs;

14 and

15 WHEREAS, H.R. 379 was introduced on January 14, 2015, in the
16 United States House of Representatives by Congresswoman Eddie
17 Bernice Johnson, a nurse representing the 30th Legislative
18 District of Texas, and also by Congressman Peter King,
19 representing the 3rd Legislative District of New York; and

20 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
21 Pennsylvania represents thousands of nurses and nurse educators
22 across this Commonwealth; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
24 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Pennsylvania
25 Congressional Delegation to support H.R. 379, The National
26 Nurses Act of 2015, or similar legislation, which designates the
27 Chief Nurse Officer of the United States Public Health Service
28 as the National Nurse for Public Health; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
30 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.