

**No. R-146. House concurrent resolution recognizing the week of May 6–12 as National Nurses Week in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.122)

Offered by Representatives Cordes of Bristol, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bailey of Hyde Park, Bartley of Fairfax, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Boyden of Cambridge, Branagan of Georgia, Brown of Richmond, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burrows of West Windsor, Burt of Cabot, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Hubbardton, Charlton of Chester, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Critchlow of Colchester, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Donahue of Northfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harple of Glover, Harrison of Chittenden, Harvey of Castleton, Headrick of Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howland of Rutland Town, Kascenska of Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Kleppner of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, LaMont of Morristown, Laroche of Franklin, Lipsky of Stowe, Long of Newfane, Luneau of St. Albans City, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Micklus of Milton, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nelson of Derby, Nielsen of Brandon, North of Ferrisburgh, Noyes of Wolcott, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Olson of Starksboro, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Pezzo of Colchester, Pinsonault of Dorset, Pouech of Hinesburg, Powers of Waterford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Sibilia of Dover, Southworth of Walden, Steady of Milton, Stone of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tagliavia of Corinth, Taylor of Milton, Tomlinson of Winooski, Toof of St. Albans Town, Torre of Moretown, Walker of Swanton, Wells of Brownington, White of Bethel, Winter of Ludlow, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

*Whereas*, nurses, the nation's largest contingent of medical professionals, now numbering 5.76 million, 4.91 million of whom are registered nurses and the remaining of whom are practical nurses, have deservedly been described as “superheroes in scrubs,” and

*Whereas*, their ubiquitous presence in hospitals, clinics, private offices, schools, and other institutional settings attests to their essential role within the medical community, and

*Whereas*, although many nurses remain primarily in support of supervising physicians, in recent years, nurse practitioners, who complete advanced training programs, work largely independently, and

*Whereas*, nurses' dedication to healing is reconfirmed every day at thousands of locations and by a multitude of individual patients regularly expressing their appreciation, and

*Whereas*, a broader public recognition of the nursing profession's place in the American health care system began in October 1954, when the first National Nurses Week was observed, coinciding with the centennial of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale's Crimean War service, and

*Whereas*, in 1974, the International Council of Nurses (ICN) declared May 12 as International Nurses Day, and that same year, President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation recognizing National Nurse Week, and

*Whereas*, in 1982, the American Nurses Association (ANA) designated May 6 as National Nurses Day and President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation extending public recognition to the observance, and

*Whereas*, in 1990, the ANA expanded the celebration to an entire week, creating National Nurses Week, and May 6–12 became permanent in 1994, and within this special week are National Student Nurse Day on May 8 and National School Nurse Day on the Wednesday of the week, and

*Whereas*, in 2025, "The Power of Nurses" is the theme that the ANA has selected to mark the week's observance, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly recognizes the week of May 6–12 as National Nurses Week in Vermont, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to ANA Vermont.