

Substitute for House Resolution No. 88.

A resolution to declare May 6-12, 2017, as Nurses Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, May 6-12, 2017, is recognized as National Nurses Week, beginning with National Nurses Day on May 6 and ending with the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, on May 12; and

Whereas, Nurses are the largest segment of the healthcare workforce and those who provide the most direct and continuous skilled care to people of every age. Nurses are educated professionals who perform the demanding and complex job of caring for the sick and injured every day in a wide variety of settings, often under very difficult conditions; and

Whereas, Nurses make valuable contributions to advancing health and safety by promoting prevention and healthy behaviors among Michigan residents; and

Whereas, Nurses advocate for their patients at the bedside and beyond, working to create a world in which all people have access to care and can live safe, healthy, and prosperous lives; and

Whereas, Nurses in Michigan fight for the health, safety, and human rights not only of the sick and injured, but also of the elderly, the young, those with disabilities, the economically disadvantaged, and the most vulnerable among us; and

Whereas, Under the leadership of the Michigan Nurses Association, the largest group representing Michigan registered nurses, nurses across Michigan are working to enhance the nursing profession; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 6-12, 2017, as Nurses Week in the state of Michigan. We convey respect and gratitude for the work of nurses every day throughout our state and urge all residents to do so year-round; and be it further

Resolved, That supporting nurses' ability to provide safe, quality care and developing and maintaining a thriving nurse workforce is of concern to all Michigan residents. We honor the work and dedication of nurses around the world and here in Michigan.