

Rep. Liss offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 150.

A resolution to declare November 13-19, 2011, as Nurse Practitioner Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, There are more than 148,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States with over 4,100 in Michigan providing high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered, personalized healthcare for nearly half a century; and

Whereas, Nurse practitioners have advanced education (most have master's degrees and many have doctorates) and advanced clinical training beyond their initial registered nurse preparation; and

Whereas, Nurse practitioners order, perform and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions, and prescribe medications and other treatments; and

Whereas, Nurse practitioners are truly partners in the healthcare of their patients, so that in addition to clinical services, nurse practitioners focus on health promotion, disease prevention and health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

Whereas, The excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by nurse practitioners is established and well-documented; and

Whereas, Nurse practitioners provide healthcare to people of all ages and in diverse settings such as private office practices, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, managed care facilities, and retail-based clinics; and

Whereas, More than 18 percent of nurse practitioners practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000; and

Whereas, It is documented that patients of nurse practitioners are given more personal time and attention than they traditionally receive from other healthcare providers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare November 13-19, 2011, as Nurse Practitioner Week in the state of Michigan. We recognize the many contributions that this dedicated group of healthcare professionals makes to the health and well-being of the people in the communities they serve in this great state and throughout the country.