

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1009

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution recognizing May 6 through 12 as National
9 Nurses Week; celebrating the impact of nurses in
10 Oklahoma.

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12 WHEREAS, beginning in 1991, National Nurses Week is celebrated
13 annually from May 6, also known as "National Recognition Day for
14 Nurses", through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the
15 founder of modern nursing; and

16 WHEREAS, National Nurses Week is a time of year to reflect on
17 the important contributions that nurses make to provide safe, high-
18 quality health care; and

19 WHEREAS, nurses serve on the front lines, risking their lives
20 treating the injured and sick during wartime, natural disasters, and
21 public health emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic; and

22 WHEREAS, nurses are known to be patient advocates, acting to
23 protect the lives of individuals under their care; and
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1 WHEREAS, nurses represent the largest single component of the
2 health care profession, with an estimated population of more than
3 4,000,000 registered nurses in the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, when nurse staffing levels increase, the risk of
5 patient complications and lengthy hospital stays decreases,
6 resulting in cost savings; and

7 WHEREAS, nurses are the cornerstone of the public health
8 infrastructure, promoting healthy lifestyles and educating
9 communities on disease prevention and health promotion; and

10 WHEREAS, nurses touch the lives of the people of the United
11 States through every stage of life.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports the goals
15 and ideals of National Nurses Week, recognizes the significant
16 contributions of nurses to the health care system in Oklahoma, and
17 encourages the citizens of Oklahoma to observe National Nurses Week
18 and understand the importance of nurses in the lives of patients.

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