

1           A RESOLUTION recognizing February 14, 2024, as Advanced Practice Registered  
2 Nurse Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3           WHEREAS, advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), including both nurse  
4 practitioners (NPs) and nurse-midwives, are trusted providers of health care for patients  
5 across the Commonwealth; and

6           WHEREAS, APRNs are five times more likely to work in rural areas, where there  
7 is the greatest need, and wherever they provide care, they work to expand access to health  
8 care in underserved communities and address health disparities; and

9           WHEREAS, patients depend on the more than 355,000 licensed NPs in the United  
10 States and the 11,822 licensed NPs in Kentucky to diagnose, manage, and treat their  
11 acute and chronic health conditions; and

12           WHEREAS, 138 nurse-midwives in Kentucky provide primary care for women,  
13 including prenatal care, education, the delivery of infants, and postpartum and  
14 gynecological care; and

15           WHEREAS, APRNs provide high-quality primary, acute, and specialty health care  
16 services while emphasizing health promotion, disease prevention, health education, and  
17 counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

18           WHEREAS, the confidence that patients have in NP-delivered health care is  
19 evidenced by the more than one billion visits made annually to NPs across the country  
20 and the more than five decades of research that confirms the high-quality care provided  
21 by APRNs; and

22           WHEREAS, better utilization of APRNs through modernized state laws and  
23 improved policies has created improved health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-  
24 effective, and higher-quality health care system; and

25           WHEREAS, leading governmental and policy entities, including the National  
26 Academy of Medicine, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the National  
27 Governors Association, and the Federal Trade Commission, have taken notice of the

1 benefits of providing patients with full and direct access to NP care;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
4 *Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes February 14, 2024, Advanced Practice  
6 Registered Nurse Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

7 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor, recognition,  
8 and celebration of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and the service, and high-quality  
9 care they provide to Kentuckian across the Commonwealth.

10 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
11 Resolution to Senator Julie Raque Adams.