THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY COLLETT, J. WARD, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY, MARTIN, FONTANA, PENNYCUICK, VOGEL, HAYWOOD, BROWN AND BREWSTER, MAY 17, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 17, 2024

A RESOLUTION

Designating May 8, 2024, as "School Nurse Day" in Pennsylvania. 1 2 WHEREAS, Students are the future and by investing in them 3 today we are ensuring our world for tomorrow; and WHEREAS, Families deserve to feel confident that their 4 5 children will be cared for when they are at school; and 6 WHEREAS, All students have a right to have their physical and 7 mental health needs safely met while in the school setting; and 8 WHEREAS, Students today face more complex and life-9 threatening health problems requiring care in school; and 10 WHEREAS, School nurses have served a critical role in 11 improving public health and ensuring students' academic success 12 for more than 100 years; and 13 WHEREAS, School nurses address the home and community factors 14 that impact students' health; and 15 WHEREAS, School nurses are professional nurses who advance the well-being, academic success and lifelong achievements of 16 students by serving on the front lines and providing a critical 17

1 safety net for our nation's most fragile children; and 2 WHEREAS, School nurses act as a liaison to the school 3 community, families and health care providers on behalf of 4 children's health by promoting wellness and improving health 5 outcomes for our nation's children; and

6 WHEREAS, School nurses support the health and educational 7 success of children and youths by providing access to care when 8 children's cognitive development is at its peak; and

9 WHEREAS, School nurses are members of school-based teams to 10 address the school population; and

11 WHEREAS, School nurses understand the link between health and 12 learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for 13 children every day; and

14 WHEREAS, School nurses continue to play a vital part in 15 Pennsylvania's recovery by safeguarding the health and well-16 being of students and staff alike and keeping schools responsive 17 to public health outbreaks; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 8, 2024, as "School 19 Nurse Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate celebrate the accomplishments of 21 school nurses in Pennsylvania and across the United States and 22 acknowledge the efforts of school nurses to meet the needs of 23 today's students by improving the delivery of health care in our 24 schools; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the contribution of school nurses to local communities by helping students stay healthy in school and ready to learn and by enabling their parents and guardians to work.

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