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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

### SENATE RESOLUTION

# CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2014, AS "NATIONAL NURSES MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Ruggerio, Paiva Weed, Goodwin, and Doyle

Date Introduced: May 07, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1	WHEREAS, National Nurses Month is celebrated annually in May, during the month of
2	Florence Nightingale's birthday. She was the founder of Nursing as a modern profession and
3	today, to our good fortune, millions of nurses have followed in her footsteps; and
4	WHEREAS, The purpose of National Nurses Month is to raise public awareness for the
5	value of nursing and to honor the vital roles nurses play in meeting our health care needs and the
6	ways in which they strive to provide safe and quality care to our communities as well as to people
7	of all ages; and
8	WHEREAS, Nurses are an indispensable component in the health care delivery system;
9	and
10	WHEREAS, Nurses provide both preventative and restorative health care to people of all
11	ages, diverse backgrounds and cultures in varied clinical settings; and
12	WHEREAS, Nurses, irrespective of setting, are advancing in their technical skills; and
13	WHEREAS, Nurses are a key component of the workforce in times of disaster
14	responding to provide care and enabling communities, families and individuals to recover; and
15	WHEREAS, Nurses collaborate with emergency workers from other disciplines to
16	enhance the emergency response infrastructure; and
17	WHEREAS, Nurses use their knowledge and compassion to make a difference to people
18	who may be displaced from their homes, injured, afraid, or ill during an emergency; now,

RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
hereby proclaims the month of May, 2014 to be celebrated as "National Nurses Month" in the
State of Rhode Island. We furthermore recognize and thank all the nurses and nursing support
staff for their dedication and contributions to building a brighter future for all the citizens of the
Ocean State; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island State Nurses Association.

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