

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize March 17, 2026, as Nurse Practitioner Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners serve as trusted healthcare providers and play a critical role in delivering care to patients across this state; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners work to expand access in communities across this state, promote equity in health care, and improve health outcomes for all; and

WHEREAS, patients across the United States rely on more than four hundred thirty thousand licensed nurse practitioners, including more than six thousand practicing in Louisiana, to diagnose, manage, and treat acute and chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners provide high-quality primary, acute, and specialty healthcare services while emphasizing health promotion, disease prevention, health education, and counseling, thereby guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices every day; and

WHEREAS, the confidence patients place in nurse practitioners is demonstrated by the more than one billion patient visits made annually to nurse practitioners across the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than five decades of research have demonstrated the high quality of care provided by nurse practitioners; and

WHEREAS, modernized state laws and policies that enable the full utilization of nurse practitioners improve health outcomes and support a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective, and high-quality healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, more than half the nation, including twenty-seven states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands, has adopted full practice authority legislation, offering patients full and direct access to the outstanding care provided by nurse practitioners; and

WHEREAS, leading governmental and policy entities, including the National Academy of Medicine, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, National Governors Association, and Federal Trade Commission, have taken notice of the benefits of providing patients full and direct access to health care delivered by nurse practitioners; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners serve as the provider of choice for many Louisiana residents and play a pivotal role in the health and welfare of our communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, March 17, 2026, as Nurse Practitioner Day at the state capitol and does hereby proudly recognize and honor the service of nurse practitioners in this state.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES