

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY SENATOR MYERS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, March 17, 2026, as Nurse Practitioner Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners play a critical role as trusted providers of health care for patients in our state; and

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

WHEREAS, patients depend on more than four hundred thirty-one thousand licensed nurse practitioners in the United States, with more than six thousand two hundred fifty licensed in Louisiana, to diagnose, manage, and treat 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 to help guide patients to make smarter health and lifestyle decisions every day; and

WHEREAS, patients' confidence in health care that is delivered by nurse practitioners is evident through more than one billion visits made annually to nurse practitioners across the country; and

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

WHEREAS, according to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, better utilization of nurse practitioners through modernized state laws and improved policies creates better health outcomes through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective, and higher-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 that offers 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, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the National Governors Association, and the 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 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend nurse practitioners of this state for faithfully providing the highest quality of patient-centered health care and does hereby recognize Tuesday, March 17, 2026, as Nurse Practitioner Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE