HLS 16RS-249 ORIGINAL

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73

## BY REPRESENTATIVES DUSTIN MILLER AND WILLMOTT

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes the week of May 6 through 12, 2016, as National Nurses Week in Louisiana

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To recognize the week of May 6 through 12, 2016, as National Nurses Week in Louisiana.
3	WHEREAS, nearly thirty-four thousand registered nurses are professionally active
4	in Louisiana and over three million one hundred twenty thousand registered nurses practice
5	in the United States, making nursing our state's and the nation's largest healthcare profession;
6	and
7	WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the
8	various established and emerging healthcare needs of the American population in a wide
9	range of settings; and
10	WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered
11	nurses of this state, is working to chart a new course for a healthy Louisiana that relies on
12	increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care; and
13	WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services is greater than ever due to
14	the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining
15	technology, and the rapid pace of growth in home healthcare services; and
16	WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the
17	increasingly complex needs of healthcare consumers in all communities of our state; and
18	WHEREAS, the safe, cost-effective healthcare services provided by registered nurses
19	are consistently of the highest quality, and will be an ever more important component of the
20	United States healthcare delivery system in the future; and

1 WHEREAS, since 1991, National Nurses Week has been celebrated annually from 2 May 6, also known as National Recognition Day for Nurses, through May 12, the birthday 3 of the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale; and 4 WHEREAS, National Nurses Week celebrates all of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high-quality patient care and lead the way to improvements 5 6 in our healthcare system. 7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 8 proclaim May 6 through 12, 2016, to be National Nurses Week in Louisiana. 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 10 encourage the residents of this state to join together in honoring the registered nurses who 11 provide quality care for all of us. 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 13 recognize and commend the notable accomplishments of the registered nursing profession 14 and its efforts to improve our healthcare system, and does hereby express sincere 15 appreciation for the nation's registered nurses not just during this week, but at every 16 opportunity throughout the year. 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 18 to the executive director of the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

## **DIGEST**

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HCR 73 Original

2016 Regular Session

Dustin Miller

Recognizes the week of May 6-12, 2016, as National Nurses Week in Louisiana.