

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1068

By: Roe of the House

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8 A Resolution recognizing May 6th through 12th as  
9 National Nurses Week; celebrating the impact of  
10 nurses in Oklahoma.

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12 WHEREAS, beginning in 1991, National Nurses Week is celebrated  
13 annually from May 6, also known as "National Recognition Day for  
14 Nurses", through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the  
15 founder of modern nursing; and

16 WHEREAS, National Nurses Week is a time of year to reflect on  
17 the important contributions that nurses make to provide safe, high-  
18 quality health care; and

19 WHEREAS, nurses serve on the front lines, risking their lives  
20 treating the injured and sick during wartime, natural disasters,  
21 and public health emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic; and

22 WHEREAS, nurses are known to be patient advocates, acting to  
23 protect the lives of individuals under their care; and

24 WHEREAS, nurses represent the largest single component of the

1 health care profession, with an estimated population of more than  
2 4,000,000 registered nurses in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, when nurse staffing levels increase, the risk of  
4 patient complications and lengthy hospital stays decreases,  
5 resulting in cost savings; and

6 WHEREAS, nurses are the cornerstone of the public health  
7 infrastructure, promoting healthy lifestyles and educating  
8 communities on disease prevention and health promotion; and

9 WHEREAS, nurses touch the lives of the people of the United  
10 States through every stage of life;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
12 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

13 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports the goals  
14 and ideals of National Nurses Week, recognizes the significant  
15 contributions of nurses to the health care system in Oklahoma, and  
16 encourages the citizens of Oklahoma to observe National Nurses Week  
17 and understand the importance of nurses in the lives of patients.

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