

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION 1046

By: Roe and Stark

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, nurses represent the largest single component of the
2 health care profession, with an estimated population of more than
3 four million registered nurses in the United States; and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, nurses touch the lives of the people of the United
11 States through every stage of life.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

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