

Senate Concurrent Resolution 12

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Declares May 6 to 12, 2011, National Nurses Week in Oregon.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

Whereas the depth and scope of the registered nursing profession is meeting the different and emerging health care needs of the American people in a wide range of settings; and

Whereas nurses care for patients and their families in a holistic way that often goes beyond physical health needs by recognizing and responding to social, mental and spiritual needs; and

Whereas the American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing the delivery of primary care; and

Whereas a renewed emphasis on primary and preventative health care will require better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

Whereas the demand for registered nursing services will become greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing growth of life-sustaining technology and the explosive growth of home health services; and

Whereas even more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care in Oregon's communities; and

Whereas the cost-effective, safe and high-quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of this nation's health care delivery system in the future; and

Whereas the Oregon Health and Science University has declared the week of May 6 to 12 as Nurses Week 2011 with the theme "Nur-syn-er-gy: the power of nurses working together" to celebrate the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe, high-quality patient care and to map out the way to improve our health care system; and

Whereas the Legislative Assembly asks that all Oregonians join in honoring the registered nurses who provide health care for all of us; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, declare May 6 to 12, 2011, National Nurses Week in Oregon.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.