



May 7, 2013

Representative David Joyce
United States House of Representatives
1535 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Joyce:

On behalf of the 42 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community, we would like to thank you for being an original cosponsor of the resolution recognizing National Nurses Week May 6 through May 12, 2013. The Nursing Community advocates on a broad spectrum of issues to promote America's health through nursing care. Collectively, our organizations represent nearly one million Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (including certified nurse-midwives, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and certified registered nurse anesthetists), nurse executives, nursing students, nursing faculty, and nurse researchers.

This resolution emphasizes the significant contributions nurses make to America's healthcare system. Registered nurses provide care across the continuum, from prevention education and chronic disease management to life-saving interventions. Nurses are at the front lines of care in all settings and during our nation's most devastating crises. Your support for the resolution calls attention to the profession's dedication and integrity to upholding only the highest standard of care. The Nursing Community sincerely appreciates your recognition of these contributions.

Again, we thank you for your continued commitment to America's nurses and for cosponsoring this resolution honoring National Nurses Week. If our organizations can be of any assistance, please contact the convener of the Nursing Community, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at Smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu or 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Academy of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nephrology Nurses' Association
American Nurses Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association

American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
Association of Public Health Nurses
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service
Dermatology Nurses' Association
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Association of Forensic Nurses
International Society of Psychiatric Nursing
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Neonatal Nurses
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of School Nurses
National Black Nurses Association
National Nursing Centers Consortium
National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Oncology Nursing Society
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
The Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society