



Congress Honors the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife

February 14, 2020 – The Nursing Community Coalition, which includes 63 national nursing organizations, commends Congress for introducing [S. Res. 500](#) and [H. Res. 859](#). These bipartisan resolutions support the goals and ideals of the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife and recognize the indispensable care nurses provide to keep Americans healthy.

With more than four million Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (including Certified Nurse-Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists), nurse leaders, nursing students, faculty, and researchers, as well as other nurses with advanced degrees across the country, nurses represent the largest group of health professionals in the United States. Nurses provide care across a variety of settings, including in community health centers, hospitals, long-term care facilities, local and state health departments, schools, workplaces, and patients' homes, and are integral members of the healthcare team.

The NCC is honored to have this work recognized by the United States Congress. We would especially like to thank the sponsors of this resolution, Senate Nursing Caucus Co-Chairs Senator Roger Wicker and Senator Jeff Merkley along with Congresswoman and nurse Eddie Bernice Johnson, and House Nursing Caucus Co-Chair Congressman David Joyce for their tireless efforts to support and promote the nursing profession. We would also like to thank the bipartisan group of original cosponsors for their continued commitment to advancing health care through the nursing lens.

This designation is especially timely, as 2020 marks the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth, the founder of modern-day nursing. As we continue to tackle the pressing policy issues of the day, we look forward to working with Congress during this historic year, and in the years to come.

The Nursing Community Coalition includes 63 national nursing organizations that are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the profession. Collectively, the coalition represents registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, nurse leaders, researchers, and students. The coalition is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.