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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners are advanced practice registered nurses who have advanced clinical education and training building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and

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WHEREAS, There are 222,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States, and 8,270 in Illinois providing primary, acute, and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and

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WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners diagnose, treat, and prescribe medications and other treatments to patients through a caring, patient-centered, holistic model of care; and

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WHEREAS, Citizens of our State and nation have great trust in the high-quality care nurse practitioners provide, resulting in more than 870 million patient visits annually to nurse practitioners across the country; and

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WHEREAS, Five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by nurse practitioners; and

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WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners have master's degrees, and many have doctoral degrees, as well as advanced education and

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1 clinical training and are able to provide high quality care to
2 three or more patients per hour; and

3 WHEREAS, Nurse practitioners practice in settings
4 including hospital inpatient clinics, private group practices,
5 long-term care facilities, mental health facilities and many
6 others; and

7 WHEREAS, Better utilization of nurse practitioners creates
8 a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective, and higher
9 quality health care system; and

10 WHEREAS, Illinois is proud to recognize and honor the
11 service of nurse practitioners to our State; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare November 13
14 -19, 2016 as Nurse Practitioner Week in the State of Illinois
15 in recognition of the countless contributions that nurse
16 practitioners have made over the past half century and will
17 continue to make to the health and well-being of citizens in
18 our State; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 presented to the Illinois Nurses Association and the Illinois
21 Society for Advanced Practice Nursing.