

Rep. Pagan offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 289.

A resolution to declare May 6-12, 2016, as Nurses Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, May 6-12, 2016, is recognized as National Nurses Week, beginning with National Nurses Day on May 6 and ending with the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, on May 12; and

Whereas, Nurses are the largest segment of the healthcare workforce and the professionals who provide the most direct and continuous care to people of every age. They are globally recognized for their commitment to advocating for their patients and refusing to compromise their high standards for safe, high-quality patient care. Nurses are educated professionals who perform the demanding and complex job of caring for the sick and injured every day, often under very difficult conditions. They make valuable contributions to advancing our health and safety by promoting prevention and healthy behaviors among Michigan residents and are dedicated to safe patient care to ensure quality treatment for patients; and

Whereas, Each year the demand for nursing services will increase because of the aging of the population, development of life-sustaining technology, the growth of home care services, and successful efforts to expand access to care; and

Whereas, Nurses in Michigan fight for the health, safety, and human rights not only of the sick, but also of the elderly, the young, those with disabilities, the injured, the economically disadvantaged, and the most vulnerable among us; and

Whereas, Nurses advocate for their patients at the bedside and beyond, working to create a world in which all people can be safe, healthy, and prosperous; and

Whereas, Under the leadership of the Michigan Nurses Association, registered nurses across Michigan are committed to enhancing and protecting the nursing profession; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 6-12, 2016, as Nurses Week in the state of Michigan. We convey respect and gratitude for the work of nurses every day throughout our state and urge all residents to do so year-round; and be it further

Resolved, That supporting nurses' ability to provide safe patient care and developing and maintaining a thriving nursing workforce is of concern to all Michigan residents. We honor the work and dedication of nurses around the world and here in Michigan.