

Senators Warren, Marleau, Booher, Green and Hansen offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 115.

A resolution recognizing November 8-14, 2015, as National Nurse Practitioner Week.

Whereas, There are more than 205,000 licensed nurse practitioners (NPs) in the United States, with 5,500 NPs practicing in the state of Michigan, providing high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered, and personalized health care for nearly half a century; and

Whereas, NPs have graduate, advanced education--most have master's degrees, and an increasing number have doctorates--beyond their initial registered nurse preparation; and

Whereas, NPs order, perform, and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions, and prescribe medications and other treatments; and

Whereas, 19 states and the District of Columbia have granted full practice authority to NPs, giving patients more direct access to the primary, acute, and specialty care services that NPs provide; and

Whereas, NPs are truly partners in the health care of their patients, so that in addition to clinical services, NPs focus on health promotion, disease prevention, and health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

Whereas, The excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by NPs is established and well-documented; and

Whereas, The faith and trust that patients have in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than 916 million visits made to NPs annually; and

Whereas, A majority of patients support legislation for greater access to NP services; and

Whereas, NPs provide health care to people of all ages and in diverse health care settings, such as private office practices, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, managed care facilities, and retail-based clinics; and

Whereas, More than 18 percent of NPs practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000; and

Whereas, It is documented that patients of NPs are given more personal time and attention than they traditionally receive from other health care providers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize November 8-14, 2015, as National Nurse Practitioner Week, in recognition of the many contributions this dedicated group of health care professionals make to the health and well-being of the people in the communities they serve in this great state and throughout the country; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the state of Michigan.