

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing February 2, 2022, as Advanced Practice Registered
2 Nurse Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), including both nurse
4 practitioners (NPs) and nurse-midwives, are trusted providers of health care for patients
5 in the Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, APRNs are at the forefront of efforts to combat COVID-19 as they
7 educate patients about disease prevention and ensure the equitable distribution of
8 vaccinations; and

9 WHEREAS, APRNs work to expand access to health care in underserved
10 communities, address health disparities, and combat systematic racism in health care, as
11 APRNs are five times more likely to work in rural areas, where there is the greatest need;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, patients depend on the more than 325,000 licensed NPs in the United
14 States, and the 10,158 licensed NPs in Kentucky, to diagnose, manage, and treat their
15 acute and chronic health conditions; and

16 WHEREAS, 133 nurse-midwives in Kentucky provide primary care for women
17 including prenatal care and education, assist in the delivery of infants, and provide
18 postpartum and gynecological care to women; and

19 WHEREAS, APRNs provide high-quality primary, acute, and specialty health care
20 services while emphasizing health promotion, disease prevention, health education, and
21 counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

22 WHEREAS, the confidence that patients have in NP-delivered health care is
23 evidenced by the more than one billion visits made annually to NPs across the country
24 and the more than five decades of research that confirms the high-quality care provided
25 by APRNs; and

26 WHEREAS, better utilization of APRNs through modernized state laws and
27 improved policies has created improved health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-

1 effective, and higher-quality health care system; and

2 WHEREAS, 24 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Northern Mariana
3 Islands have implemented Full Practice Authority for NPs, allowing NPs to utilize the full
4 extent of their education and training to provide care to their patients; and

5 WHEREAS, leading governmental and policy entities, including the National
6 Academy of Medicine, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the National
7 Governors Association, and the Federal Trade Commission, have taken notice of the
8 benefits of providing patients with full and direct access to NP care;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

10 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
11 *Kentucky:*

12 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby declares February 2, 2022, Advanced Practice
13 Registered Nurse Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

14 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor, recognition,
15 and celebration of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and the service and high-quality
16 care they provide to Kentuckians across the Commonwealth.