

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing February 15, 2023, 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 across the Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, APRNs are five times more likely to work in rural areas, where there
7 is the greatest need, and wherever they provide care, they work to expand access to health
8 care in underserved communities and address health disparities; and

9 WHEREAS, patients depend on the more than 355,000 licensed NPs in the United
10 States, and the 10,187 licensed NPs in Kentucky, to diagnose, manage, and treat their
11 acute and chronic health conditions; and

12 WHEREAS, 124 nurse-midwives in Kentucky provide primary care for women,
13 including prenatal care and education; assist in the delivery of infants; and provide
14 postpartum and gynecological care to women; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, better utilization of APRNs through modernized state laws and
23 improved policies has created improved health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-
24 effective, and higher-quality health care system; and

25 WHEREAS, leading governmental and policy entities, including the National
26 Academy of Medicine, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the National
27 Governors Association, and the Federal Trade Commission, have taken notice of the

1 benefits of providing patients with full and direct access to NP care;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
4 *Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby declares February 15, 2023, Advanced Practice
6 Registered Nurse Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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

10 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
11 Resolution to Senator Julie Raque Adams.