

SENATE RESOLUTION 42

(By Senators Woodrum and Rucker)

[Introduced March 29, 2025]

1 Designating March 31, 2025, as West Virginia Nurses Day at the Legislature.

2 Whereas, Nurses in West Virginia constitute our state's largest health care profession; and

3 Whereas, The depth and breadth of the nursing profession meets the different and
4 emerging health care needs of West Virginians in a wide range of settings, including the frontline of
5 health care; and

6 Whereas, The West Virginia Nurses Association, as the voice for all nurses in West
7 Virginia, is working to chart a new course for a healthy West Virginia that relies on increasing
8 access to primary and preventive health care, and better utilization of all our state's nursing
9 resources; and

10 Whereas, Professional nursing is an indispensable component of the safety and quality of
11 care of hospitalized and non-hospitalized patients; and

12 Whereas, The demand for nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging
13 population, emerging health challenges, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies,
14 and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

15 Whereas, The expanding roles of nurses, advanced practice registered nurses as nurse
16 anesthetists, nurse midwives, and certified nurse practitioners in a variety of specialties provide
17 improved cost-effective access to health services in our rural state; and

18 Whereas, The American public has voted to acknowledge nurses as the Most Trusted
19 Professional for 23 consecutive years; and

20 Whereas, The West Virginia Nurses Association has declared March 31, 2025, as Nurses

1 Day at the Capitol, with the theme “The Power of West Virginia Nurses”, with appreciation for
2 nurses’ unparalleled impact and their contributions to health care, and an open invitation to
3 #ThankANurse for enriching our lives and the world we live in; therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Senate:*

5 That the Senate hereby designates March 31, 2025, as West Virginia Nurses Day at the
6 Legislature; and, be it

7 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to nurses
8 for their contribution to health care; and, be it

9 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to
10 the appropriate representatives of West Virginia Nurses Day at the Legislature.