

SENATE RESOLUTION
8692

By Senators Franklin, Prentice, McAuliffe, Johnson, Rasmussen, Kohl-Welles and Roach

WHEREAS, Nurses are the backbone of our health care system and critical to the quality of care provided to thousands of Washington residents; and

WHEREAS, The fifty-thousand nurses in Washington comprise our state's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, Nurses provide a vast array of health care services across a broad spectrum of health care settings to meet the different and emerging health care needs of our state's population; and

WHEREAS, Our state increasingly relies on nurses to deliver primary and preventative health care; and

WHEREAS, Professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, The demand for nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, More nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this state; and

WHEREAS, The cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by nurses will be an ever more important component of the health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, the week of May 6 - 12 is National Nurses Week 2001 with the theme Nurses are the True Spirit of Caring-;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate ask all Washington residents to join in honoring the nurses who care for all of us; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate encourage the residents of Washington to celebrate nursing's accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system, and show appreciation for the nation's nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8692,

adopted by the Senate May 8, 2001.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate