

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION urging the New York State Congressional delegation to support HR 3679, The National Nurse Act of 2011, or similar legislation, designating the Chief Nurse Officer of the US Public Health Service as the National Nurse for Public Health

WHEREAS, Our nation continues to face an epidemic of preventable conditions and chronic diseases that are soaring to alarming rates; and

WHEREAS, Nurses are crucial to the promotion of preventive care and the caring of the whole person; and

WHEREAS, Nurses are highly valued and trusted by the public, and are often in a position to deliver educational messages to the public about ways to improve their health and prevent disease; and

WHEREAS, The National Nurse for Public Health would act to raise awareness of health issues and promote good health through education and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, The National Nurse for Public Health would serve as an effective partner to the existing United States Office of the Surgeon General; and

WHEREAS, The National Nurse for Public Health will participate in the identification of health priorities; enhance recruitment to combat the still serious nursing shortage; play a role when necessary to mobilize large numbers of nurse volunteers to respond to emergencies; engage practicing nurses and other health professionals, students and retirees to participate in health promotion activities and replicate successful health promotion programs; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body represents many thousands of nurses and nurse educators across the State; and

WHEREAS, HR 3679 was introduced on December 15, 2011, in the House of Representatives by Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, a nurse representing the 30th District of Texas and co-led by Representative Peter King representing the 3rd District of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the New York State Congressional delegation be and hereby is respectfully memorialized by this Legislative Body to support HR 3679, known as The National Nurse Act of 2011, or similar legislation, designating the CNO of the US Public Health Service as the National Nurse for Public Health; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to each member of the Congress of the United States from the State of New York.