

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 520
SENATE BILL 542

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE NURSES' WEEK IN NORTH CAROLINA.

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3 WHEREAS, nurses in North Carolina have exhibited a dedicated devotion to duty
4 and public service; and

5 WHEREAS, nurses in this State have worked hard through the years for little pay;
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7 WHEREAS, nurses in this State have been, in many instances, the "silent partners"
8 of doctors often receiving little public recognition for their services; and

9 WHEREAS, nurses in this State have often been directly and primarily responsible
10 for the saving of lives; and

11 WHEREAS, nurses have dedicated their lives to helping people by pursuing their
12 profession of caring for and aiding the sick; and

13 WHEREAS, nurses are members of a strategic health team striving diligently in the
14 endless battle to conquer disease and make life more comfortable and healthy; and

15 WHEREAS, in the true tradition of Florence Nightingale, nurses strive to relieve
16 and ameliorate human suffering and add comfort to life; and

17 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the health and well-being of the people of North
18 Carolina for students to be encouraged to enter the profession of nursing in view of the extreme
19 shortage of nurses in this State and throughout the Nation.

20 WHEREAS, the availability of nurses is essential to the proper delivery of medical
21 care to the people of North Carolina and the continuing education and training of nurses is
22 greatly desired by the medical profession, hospitals, the State of North Carolina and this
23 General Assembly;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

26 **Section 1.** The week starting May 12th is hereby designated as Nurses' Week in
27 North Carolina.

28 **Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

29 **Sec. 3.** This Act shall become effective upon ratification.

30 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 19th day of May,
31 1969.