

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 11, 2022 AS
NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY

WHEREAS, students are the future, and by investing in them today we are ensuring our world for tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, families deserve to feel confident that their children will be cared for when they are at school; and

WHEREAS, all students have the right to have their physical and mental health needs safely met while in the school setting; and

WHEREAS, students today face more complex and life-threatening health problems requiring care in school settings; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the essential role school nurses play in student health and academic success; and

WHEREAS, school nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and in ensuring students' academic success for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, school nurses address the social determinants of health, such as home and community factors, that affect students; and

WHEREAS, school nurses act as liaisons to the school community, families and health care providers regarding children's health by promoting wellness and improving health outcomes for our nation's children; and

WHEREAS, school nurses support the health and educational successes of children by providing access to care when children's cognitive development is at its peak; and

WHEREAS, school nurses are members of school-based teams providing school health services, so-called 504 plans, individualized education plans and disaster and emergency planning that address the school population; and

WHEREAS, school nurses understand the link between health and learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for children every day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 11, 2022 as National School Nurse Day and acknowledge the accomplishments of school nurses everywhere and their efforts to meet the needs of today's students by improving the delivery of health care in our schools.