



**Ohio Hospital Association
Ohio House Health Committee
House Resolution 87 – Proponent Testimony
May 7, 2025**

Chairwoman Schmidt, Vice Chair Deeter, Ranking Member Soman and members of the Ohio House Health Committee, on behalf of the Ohio Hospital Association, thank you for the opportunity to express our support for House Resolution 87, which designates May 6–12, 2025, as Nurses and Health Professionals Week in the State of Ohio.

Nurses and health professionals are the foundation of our health care system. They provide essential, high-quality care across various settings, from hospitals and community clinics to long-term care and home health. Their work improves individual patient outcomes and supports the overall health and resilience of Ohio communities.

Day in and day out, these professionals manage complex care needs, advocate for patients and families, and serve as trusted leaders within interdisciplinary teams. Their expertise and compassion are critical to addressing the growing demands of a diverse and aging population and the increasing complexity of healthcare delivery.

Recognizing Nurses and Health Professionals Week helps highlight the importance of supporting and retaining a strong health care workforce. This includes ensuring access to continued education and training, promoting safe and supportive work environments, and investing in pathways that strengthen the future pipeline of health care professionals. With more than 200,000 registered nurses and allied health professionals in Ohio, their collective contributions profoundly impact every corner of the state.

House Resolution 87 is a meaningful acknowledgment of the indispensable role nurses and health professionals play in Ohio. We urge the committee to support this resolution and encourage all Ohioans to join in recognizing and celebrating these dedicated individuals during Nurses and Health Professionals Week.