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Designating the week of October 2 through October 8, 2011, as “National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of October 2 through October 8, 2011, as “National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week”.

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics are nonprofit community-based health care sites that offer primary care and wellness services based on the nursing model;

Whereas the nursing model emphasizes the protection, promotion, and optimization of health, the prevention of illness, the alleviation of suffering, and the diagnosis and treatment of illness;

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics are led by advanced practice nurses and staffed by an interdisciplinary team of highly qualified health care professionals;

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics offer a broad scope of services including treatment for acute and chronic ill-

nesses, routine physical exams, immunizations for adults and children, disease screenings, health education, prenatal care, dental care, and drug and alcohol treatment;

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics have a proven track record, as the first federally funded nurse-managed health clinic was created more than 35 years ago;

Whereas, as of June 2011, more than 250 nurse-managed health clinics provided care across the United States and recorded more than 2,000,000 client encounters annually;

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics serve a unique dual role as both health care safety net access points and health workforce development sites, given that the majority of nurse-managed health clinics are affiliated with schools of nursing and serve as clinical education sites for students entering the health profession;

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics strengthen the health care safety net by expanding access to primary care and chronic disease management services for vulnerable and medically underserved populations in diverse rural, urban, and suburban communities;

Whereas research has shown that nurse-managed health clinics experience high-patient retention and patient satisfaction rates, and nurse-managed health clinic patients experience higher rates of generic medication fills and lower hospitalization rates when compared to similar safety net providers; and

Whereas the use of nurse-managed health clinics offering both primary care and wellness services will help meet this increased demand in a cost-effective manner: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) designates the week of October 2 through
2 October 8, 2011, as “National Nurse-Managed
3 Health Clinic Week”;

4 (2) supports the ideals and goals of National
5 Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week; and

6 (3) encourages the expansion of nurse-managed
7 health clinics so that nurse-managed health clinics
8 may continue to serve as health care workforce de-
9 velopment sites for the next generation of primary
10 care providers.

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