



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 248,000 licensed Nurse Practitioners in the United States with 8,500 NP's practicing in the State of Tennessee providing high-quality, cost-effective patient-centered, personalized health care, and

**WHEREAS**, NP's have advanced education, with most having master's degrees and an increasing number with doctorates, and

**WHEREAS**, NP's order, perform and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions, and prescribe medications and other treatments, and

**WHEREAS**, NP's are truly partners in the health care of their patients, so that in addition to clinical services, NP's focus on health promotion, disease prevention and health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices, and

**WHEREAS**, the excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by NP's is established and well-documented; and

**WHEREAS**, the faith and trust that patients have an NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than 916 million visits made to NP's annually; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 18 percent of NP's practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000 and

**WHEREAS**, NP's provide health care to people of all ages and in diverse health care settings such as private office practice, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, managed care facilities, and retail-based clinics;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 11-17, 2018 as

## *Nurse Practitioner Week*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-fifth day of July, 2018.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Lee Pugh in blue ink.

Secretary of State