



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners (NP's) serve as trusted health care providers for patients in our state, delivering high-quality, cost-effective patient-centered, personalized health care, and

WHEREAS, NP's are working tirelessly to diagnose and treat patients with COVID-19 and to combat community spread nationwide, while grieving NP colleagues who have lost their lives during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, NP's have advanced education, with most having master's degrees and an increasing number with doctorates, 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 in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than one billion visits made to NP's annually; 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; and

WHEREAS, in this year, 2020, we celebrate the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 8-14, 2020 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-eighth day of August, 2020.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Hargett

Secretary of State