



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, NPs 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, NPs have advanced education, with most having masters degrees and an increasing number with doctorates, and

WHEREAS, NPs are truly partners in the health care of their patients, so that in addition to clinical services, NPs 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 NPs 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 NPs annually; and

WHEREAS, NPs 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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 7-13, 2021 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 thirteenth day of August, 2021.

Bill Lee

Governor

Jo Stangor

Secretary of State