



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners (NPs) play a critical role as trusted providers of health care for patients in our state; and

WHEREAS, NPs work to expand healthcare access in underserved communities, while encouraging a healthy lifestyle for their patients; and

WHEREAS, patients depend on the more than 355,000 licensed NPs in the United States, and over 15,000 in Tennessee licensed to diagnose, manage, and treat their chronic and acute healthcare conditions; and

WHEREAS, NPs provide high-quality primary care, health promotion, disease prevention, health education, and counseling; and

WHEREAS, the excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care NPs provide has been established and well-documented over multiple decades of research; and

WHEREAS, increased utilization of NPs can help create better health outcomes through a more accessible, efficient, and cost-effective healthcare system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2022 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 fourteenth day of November 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Reger".

Secretary of State