



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 health care access in underserved communities and improve health outcomes for all; and

**WHEREAS**, patients depend on the more than 355,000 licensed NPs in the United States, and over 20,000 licensed advanced practice registered nurses in Tennessee, to diagnose, manage, and treat their chronic and acute health care conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, NPs provide high-quality primary, acute, and specialty health care services while emphasizing health promotion, disease prevention, health education, and counseling; and

**WHEREAS**, the proportion of health care visits delivered by nurse practitioners continues to increase in the U.S., and NPs serve as the provider of choice for many Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, better utilization of NPs through modernized state laws and improved policies can create better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher-quality health care system; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee is proud to recognize and honor the service of NPs to our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of November 12-18, 2023 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 seventh day of November, 2023.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Ricketts*

Secretary of State