



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 Nurse Practitioners 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 Nurse Practitioners to our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 10-16, 2024, 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 thirtieth day of August 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Wright

Secretary of State