



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Nurse Practitioners provide high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered, personalized health care; and

**WHEREAS**, these professionals have advanced degrees and an increasing number have doctorates; and

**WHEREAS**, NP's order, perform, and interpret diagnostic tests; diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions; and prescribe medications and other treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, NP's are partners in the health care of their patients, focusing on health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, and guiding patients to make smarter lifestyle choices; and

**WHEREAS**, the excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by NP's is established and well documented; and

**WHEREAS**, NP's provide health care to people in diverse health care settings such as private office practices, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, managed care facilities, and retail-based clinics; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 18 percent of NP's practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 10-16, 2013 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 twentieth day of November, 2013.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Kergett*

Secretary of State