



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, there are more than 205,000 licensed nurse practitioners (NP's) in the United States with 8,500 NP's practicing in the state of Tennessee, providing high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered, personalized health care; and

WHEREAS, NP's have advanced education, with most having master's degrees and an increasing number with 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 truly partners in the health care of their patients, so that in addition to clinical services, NP's 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 NP's 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 916 million visits made to NP's annually; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of November 8-14, 2015 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 October, 2015.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Rye

Secretary of State