



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners (NPs) serve as trusted frontline health care providers for patients in our state; and

WHEREAS, NPs are advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who have advanced clinical education and training beyond their initial registered nurse preparation; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 234,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States, and almost 5,000 in North Carolina, providing primary, acute, and specialty care to patients of all ages; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners diagnose, treat, and prescribe medications and other treatments to patients through a caring, patient-centered, holistic model of care; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our state and nation have great trust in the high-quality care nurse practitioners provide, resulting in over a billion patient visits annually to NPs across the country; and

WHEREAS, modernized state laws and improved system policies allow for better utilization of nurse practitioners, contributing to a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective, and quality health care system; and

WHEREAS, 22 states and the District of Columbia have implemented Full Practice Authority for NPs, granting patients full and direct access to the outstanding care offered by these health care providers; and

WHEREAS, leading government and policy entities – including the National Academy of Medicine, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, National Governors Association, and Federal Trade Commission – have taken notice of the benefits of nurse practitioner Full Practice Authority, and have endorsed a regulatory model; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is proud to honor the service of nurse practitioners, and recognize their countless contributions to the health and well-being of citizens throughout our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 12 – 18, 2017, as “**NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.