



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

2018

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 highly skilled practitioners with advanced education and clinical training beyond their initial registered nurse preparation; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, there are more than 248,000 licensed NPs in the United States and more than 5,000 in North Carolina, providing primary, acute, and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and

WHEREAS, in addition to diagnosing and treating acute and chronic conditions, NPs focus on health promotion, disease prevention, and health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

WHEREAS, the confidence that patients have in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than one billion annual patient visits made to NPs across the country; and

WHEREAS, better utilization of NPs through modernized state laws and improved system policies can create better health outcomes through 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 recognized the benefits of nurse practitioner Full Practice Authority and 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 the people of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 11 – 17, 2018, 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 fifth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.