

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

2020

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 working tirelessly to diagnose and treat patients with COVID-19 and to combat community spread nationwide, while many are grieving colleagues, patients, friends, or loved ones who have lost their lives during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, NPs work to expand access to care in underserved communities, address health disparities, and combat systemic racism in health care; and

WHEREAS, NPs provide high-quality primary, acute, and specialty health care services while focusing on health promotion, disease prevention, health education, and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices every day; and

WHEREAS, NPs are highly skilled practitioners with advanced education and clinical training, building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 290,000 licensed NPs in the United States, and more than 6,000 in North Carolina; and

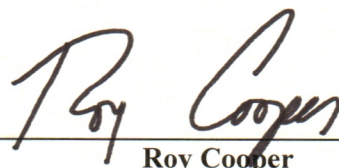
WHEREAS, better utilization of NPs through modernized state laws and improved policies creates better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective, and higher quality health care system; and

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 residents throughout our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 8 – 14, 2020, 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 twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.