



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

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 building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 248,000 licensed NPs in the United States, and 4,625 in Alabama 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, more than five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by NPs; and

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

WHEREAS, Alabama is proud to recognize and honor the service of NPs to our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 11–17, 2018, as

National Nurse Practitioner Week

in the State of Alabama, in recognition of the countless contributions NPs have made over the past half century and will continue to make to the health and well-being of citizens in our state.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 3rd day of October 2018.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor