Proclamation
By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, there are more than 270,000 licensed Nurse Practitioners (NPs) in the United States with over 5,000 NPs in Alabama providing high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered, personalized healthcare for nearly half a century; and

WHEREAS, NPs have graduate, advanced education and advanced clinical training beyond their initial registered nurse preparation; and

WHEREAS, NPs order, perform and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions, prescribe medications and other treatments, and provide a streamlined approach through the signing of documents to facilitate progression of health services; and

WHEREAS, NPs are truly partners in the healthcare of their patients, so that in addition to clinical services, NPs focus on health promotion, disease prevention and health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

WHEREAS, NPs provide healthcare to people of all ages and in diverse healthcare settings such as private office practice, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, managed care facilities, and retail-based clinics; and

WHEREAS, more than 18 percent of NPs practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000; and

WHEREAS, it is documented that patients of NPs are given more personal time and attention than they traditionally receive from other healthcare providers by it;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 10 – 16, 2019, as

Nurse Practitioner Week

in the state of Alabama.

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 28th day of August 2019.

Kay Ivey, Governor