



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

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

WHEREAS, in this year, 2020, we celebrate the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife;
and

WHEREAS, NPs are working tirelessly to diagnose and treat patients with COVID-19 and to combat community spread nationwide, while grieving NP colleagues who have lost their lives during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, NPs provide high-quality primary, acute and specialty 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, the confidence that patients have in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than one billion visits made annually to NPs across the country; and

WHEREAS, more than five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by NPs; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 290,000 licensed NPs in the United States, and more than 5,000 in Alabama; 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, 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 8–14, 2020,
as

National 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 22nd day of September 2020.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor