



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

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

WHEREAS, NPs are at the forefront of efforts to combat COVID-19, educating patients about prevention and ensuring the equitable distribution of vaccinations; and

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

WHEREAS, patients depend on the more than 325,000 licensed NPs in the United States, and more than 4,600 in Alabama to diagnose, manage and treat their chronic and acute health care conditions; and

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

WHEREAS, the confidence that patients have in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than 1 billion visits made annually to NPs across the country; and

WHEREAS, more than five decades of research confirms the high quality of care provided by NPs; 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, 23 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands have implemented Full Practice Authority for NPs, granting patients full and direct access to the outstanding care offered by these health care professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 7-13, 2021, 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 13th day of September 2021.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor