



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

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

*WHEREAS*, NPs are advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who have advanced clinical education and training building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and

*WHEREAS*, there are 234,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States, and more than 3,000 in Alabama providing primary, acute and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and

*WHEREAS*, nurse practitioners diagnose, treat and prescribe medications and other treatments to patients through a caring, patient-centered and holistic model of care; and

*WHEREAS*, citizens of our state and nation have great trust in the high-quality care nurse practitioners provide, resulting in over a billion patient visits annually to NPs across the country; and

*WHEREAS*, five decades of research demonstrates the high-quality of care provided by nurse practitioners; and

*WHEREAS*, better utilization of nurse practitioners 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*, 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 nurse practitioners to our state;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 12 through November 18, 2017, as

## Nurse Practitioner Week

in the State of Alabama in recognition of the countless contributions that nurse practitioners 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.

*Kay Ivey*

Kay Ivey, Governor