



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners (NPs) have served a critical role as trusted healthcare providers for decades and work to expand healthcare access in communities across our state, promote health equity in care and improve health outcomes for all; and

WHEREAS, NPs provide high-quality primary, acute and specialty healthcare services while emphasizing health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, partnering with patients to improve their health; and

WHEREAS, the confidence that patients have in NP-delivered healthcare is evidenced by the more than 1 billion visits made annually to NPs across the country, and 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 policies creates better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher-quality healthcare system. More than half the nation — including 27 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands — has adopted Full Practice Authority legislation, offering patients full and direct access to the outstanding care provided by NPs; 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 providing patients full and direct access to NP-delivered care. NPs serve as the provider of choice for many and play a pivotal role in the health and welfare of our communities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 8 through 14, 2026, as

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 on behalf of the health and wellbeing of citizens in 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 8th day of October 2026.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor