



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

- WHEREAS: There are more than 155,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States with 7,394 in Georgia having provided high-quality, patient-centered, cost-effective, personalized healthcare for nearly half a century; and
- WHEREAS: Nurse practitioners have advanced medical education and clinical training beyond their initial registered nurse preparation. These individuals order, perform and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions, and prescribe medications and other treatments; and
- WHEREAS: In addition to clinical services, nurse practitioners focus on health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, and guiding patients to make healthier and smarter lifestyle choices; and
- WHEREAS: Nurse practitioners provide care 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. More than 18 percent of nurse practitioners practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000; and
- WHEREAS: The excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by nurse practitioners is well-documented and well known in Georgia. Patients of nurse practitioners are given more personal time and attention than they traditionally receive from other healthcare providers. The State of Georgia is proud to recognize these individuals for improving the quality of life of their fellow Georgians; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 11 - 17, 2012, as NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

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