



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 5,700 in Georgia having provided high-quality, patient-centered, cost-effective, personalized healthcare for nearly half a century; and
- WHEREAS: Nurse practitioners have served as a bridge within the health care community, having first been developed in the 1960s as a means of offering primary health care to the underserved in rural areas; 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 health care settings such as private office practices, 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 health care 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 10-16, 2013, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF