



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

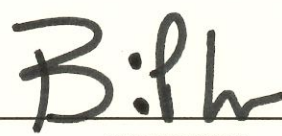
A PROCLAMATION

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

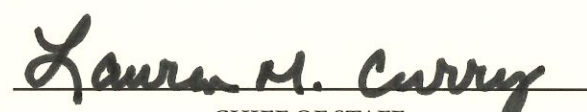
- WHEREAS:** Nurse practitioners (NPs) have served a critical role as trusted health care providers for decades, and they work to expand health care access in communities across our state, promote health equity in care and improve health outcomes for all; and
- WHEREAS:** Patients depend on the more than 461,000 licensed NPs in the United States to diagnose, manage and treat their chronic and acute health care conditions. The confidence that patients have in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the nearly 1 billion visits made annually to them across the country; and
- WHEREAS:** NPs provide high-quality primary, acute and specialty health care services while emphasizing health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, partnering with patients to improve their health. More than five decades of research demonstrates this high quality of care; and
- WHEREAS:** Better utilization of NPs through modernized state laws and improved policies creates better health through a more accessible and higher-quality health care system; and
- WHEREAS:** 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; and
- WHEREAS:** NPs serve as the provider of choice for many Georgia residents and play a pivotal role in the health and welfare of our communities; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 8-14, 2026, 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 1st day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF