



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Nurse Practitioners (NPs) serve as trusted frontline health care providers for patients in our state; and
- WHEREAS:** In addition to diagnosing and treating acute and chronic conditions, NPs focus on health promotion, disease prevention and health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and
- WHEREAS:** The confidence patients have in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than one billion annual patient visits made to NPs across the country; and
- WHEREAS:** NPs are highly skilled practitioners with advanced education and clinical training, building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and
- WHEREAS:** There are more than 270,000 licensed NPs in the United States and 15,246 in Georgia providing primary, acute, and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and
- WHEREAS:** 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 system policies creates better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective, and higher quality health care system; and
- WHEREAS:** Twenty-two states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands have implemented full practice authority for NPs, granting patients full and direct access to the outstanding care offered by these health care providers; 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 full practice authority and have endorsed such a regulatory model; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is proud to recognize the honor and service of NPs to our state; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 10-16, 2019 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 13th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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