



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Nurse Practitioners (NPs) are Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) who have advanced clinical education and training that builds upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and
- WHEREAS: There are more than 222,000 licensed Nurse Practitioners in the United States; including over 4,000 in Minnesota, providing primary, acute, and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and
- WHEREAS: Nurse Practitioners provide health care to people of all ages and in diverse health care settings including private office practice, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, managed care facilities, and retail-based clinics in all regions of the state; and
- WHEREAS: Nurse Practitioners act as partners in the health care of their patients, focusing on health promotion, disease prevention, health counseling, and helping patients make informed health and lifestyle choices, in addition to clinical services; and
- WHEREAS: The quality, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by Nurse Practitioners is established and well-documented; and
- WHEREAS: The people of our state and nation have great trust in the high-quality care Nurse Practitioners provide, resulting in more than 870 million patient visits annually to NPs across the country; and
- WHEREAS: Better utilization of nurse practitioners through modernized state laws and improved system policies creates a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher quality health care system; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is proud to recognize and honor the service of nurse practitioners to our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 13-19, 2016, as:

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pinnon

SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 14th day of November.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR