

## STATE of MINNESOTA

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

 $W {\sf HEREAS:} \qquad \qquad {\sf Better\ utilization\ of\ nurse\ practitioners\ through\ modernized\ state\ laws\ and\ improved\ system}$ 

policies creates a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher quality health care

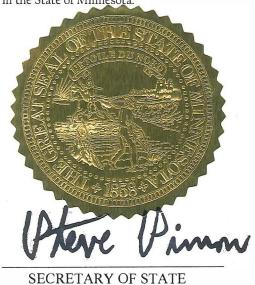
system; and

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.



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  $14^{\rm th}$  day of November.