

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Nurse practitioners (NPs) are advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who have advanced clinical education and training building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and

WHEREAS: There are 222,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States providing primary, acute and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and

WHEREAS: Nurse practitioners diagnose, treat and prescribe medications and other treatments to patients through a caring, patient-centered, holistic model of care; and

WHEREAS: Citizens 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: Five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by nurse practitioners; and

WHEREAS: 21 states and the District of Columbia have implemented Full Practice Authority for nurse practitioners, granting patients full and direct access to the outstanding care offered by these health care providers; 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: 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 nurse practitioner Full Practice Authority and have endorsed such a regulatory model; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is proud to recognize and honor the service of nurse practitioners to our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim November 13th through November 19th, 2016, as

NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK IN ARKANSAS

in recognition of the countless contributions that nurse practitioners have made over the past half century and will continue to make to the health and well-being of citizens in our state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2016.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

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Mark Martin, Secretary Of State