

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Nursing Professional Development Specialists are a small but vital part of the nursing workforce, which provides excellent healthcare to the citizens of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Nursing Professional Development Specialists are responsible for orientation, in-service, continuing education, transition-to-practice programs, quality and safety practices and professional growth of leadership roles; and

WHEREAS: Nursing Professional Development Specialists also communicate and advance the Institute of Medicines Future of Nursing Report recommendations;

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 September 24<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as

**NURSING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK**

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the important contributions of Nursing Professional Development Specialists to the nursing professions in Arkansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State