

# STATE OF ARKANSAS

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Nurse practitioners (NPs) serve as trusted, frontline health care providers for patients in our state; 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 248,000 licensed NPs in the United States, and 3,009 in Arkansas providing primary, acute, and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; 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 that 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: 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: Arkansas is proud to recognize and honor the service of NPs 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 11<sup>th</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as

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across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize the many contributions that this dedicated group of health care professionals 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord 2018.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State