

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 work to expand access to care and promote health equity in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS: NPs provide high-quality primary, acute, and specialty care services while focusing on health promotion, disease prevention, health education, and counseling, thereby guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices every day; and

WHEREAS: NPs are highly skilled practitioners with advanced education and clinical training, building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and

WHEREAS: The confidence that patients have in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than one billion visits made annually to NPs across the country; and

WHEREAS: More than five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by NPs; and

WHEREAS: There are more than 355,000 licensed NPs in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Better utilization of NPs through modernized state laws and improved 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 13th through November 19th, 2022, as

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across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize the many contributions NPs 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 25th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary of State