STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK
NOVEMBER 8-14, 2026

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners (NPs) play a critical role as trusted healthcare providers for patients in North Dakota and work to expand healthcare access in underserved communities, promote health equity in care and improve health outcomes for all; and

WHEREAS, patients depend on the more than 431,000 licensed NPs in the United States to diagnose, manage and treat their chronic and acute healthcare conditions; and

WHEREAS, NPs provide high-quality primary, acute and specialty healthcare services while emphasizing health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, partnering with patients to improve their health; and

WHEREAS, the confidence that patients have in NP-delivered healthcare is evidenced by the more than 1 billion visits made annually to NPs across the country, and 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 policies creates better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher-quality healthcare system; 27 states, including North Dakota, as well as the District of Columbia, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, have adopted Full Practice Authority legislation, granting full and direct access to the outstanding care provided by NPs; and

WHEREAS, entities including the National Academy of Medicine, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, National Governors Association and Federal Trade Commission, have noticed the benefits of providing patients full and direct access to NP-delivered care; and

WHEREAS, NPs serve as the provider of choice for many North Dakotans and play a pivotal role in the health and welfare of our communities; and North Dakota is proud to recognize and honor the service of NPs to our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 8-14, 2026, **NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA — OCTOBER 1st 1889 — LIBERTY AND UNION NOW AND FOREVER ONE AND INSEPARABLE

Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE