

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK NOVEMBER 13-19, 2022

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners (NPs) serve as trusted health care providers for patients in North Dakota and work to expand health care access in underserved communities, promoting health equity in care; and

WHEREAS, patients depend on the more than 355,000 licensed NPs in the United States and 1,906 in North Dakota to diagnose, manage and treat their chronic and acute health care conditions; and

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

WHEREAS, more than five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by NPs, and the confidence that patients have in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than 1 billion visits made annually to NPs across the country; 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

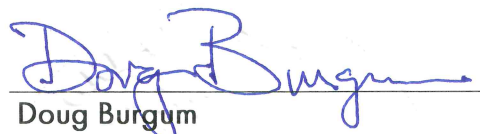
WHEREAS, including North Dakota, 26 states, the District of Columbia, the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam have adopted Full Practice Authority for NPs, granting patients full and direct access to the outstanding care provided by these health care professionals; and

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 providing patients full and direct access to NP-delivered care; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota recognizes the service of NPs to its citizens and celebrates the countless contributions NPs have made over the past half century and will continue to make on behalf of the health and well-being of citizens in North Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
November 13-19, 2022, **NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE