

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

NOVEMBER 12-18, 2023

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

WHEREAS, patients depend on the more than 355,000 licensed NPs in the United States and 2,172 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, 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 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 health care system; and including North Dakota, 27 states, 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, 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 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 12-18, 2023, **NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.



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Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE