



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK
NOVEMBER 12-18, 2017

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners (NPs) serve as trusted frontline providers of health care for patients in our state; and

WHEREAS, NPs are advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who have advanced clinical education and training building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and

WHEREAS, there are 234,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States and 944 in North Dakota providing primary, acute and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners diagnose, treat and prescribe medications and other treatments to patients through a caring, patient-centered, holistic model of care; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our state and nation have great trust in the high-quality care nurse practitioners provide, resulting in over a billion patient visits annually to NPs across the country. Five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by nurse practitioners; and

WHEREAS, better utilization of nurse practitioners 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, 22 states and the District of Columbia have implemented Full Practice Authority for nurse practitioners, granting patients full and direct access to the outstanding care offered by these health care providers; 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 nurse practitioner Full Practice Authority and have endorsed such a regulatory model.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2017, **NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State