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North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK
NOVEMBER 11-17, 2018

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners (NPs) serve as trusted frontline health care providers for patients in our state, and North Dakota is proud to recognize and honor the service of NPs to our state; and

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

WHEREAS, there are more than 248,000 licensed NPs in the United States and 1,081 in North Dakota providing primary, acute and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and

WHEREAS, in addition to diagnosing and treating acute and chronic conditions, NPs focus on health promotion, disease prevention and health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; 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 annual patient visits made to NPs across the country; and

WHEREAS, better utilization of NPs 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, the District of Columbia and 22 states, including North Dakota, have implemented Full Practice Authority for NPs, 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 11-17, 2018, **NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State