

Office of the Mayor  
Hobbs, New Mexico

## PROCLAMATION

**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, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

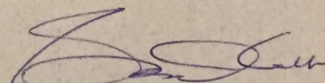
**WHEREAS**, the City of Hobbs is proud to recognize and honor the service of nurse practitioners to our state.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Sam D. Cobb, Mayor of the City of Hobbs, New Mexico, do hereby proclaim the week of November 12-18, 2017, as

### "NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK"

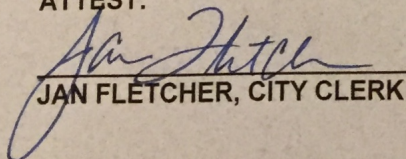
In recognition of the countless contributions that nurse practitioners have made over the past half century and will continue to make to the health and well-being of citizens in our state.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017, and cause the seal of the City of Hobbs to be affixed hereto.



SAM D. COBB, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
JAN FLETCHER, CITY CLERK