



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** there are more than 205,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States with over 3,000 in Louisiana providing high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered, personalized health care; and
- WHEREAS,** nurse practitioners order, perform and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions, and prescribe medications and other treatments; and
- WHEREAS,** nurse practitioners are truly partners in the health care of their patients, focusing on health promotion, disease prevention and health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices, in addition to clinical services; and
- WHEREAS,** the excellence, safety and cost-effectiveness of care provided by nurse practitioners is established and well-documented; and
- WHEREAS,** nurse practitioners provide health care to people of all ages and in diverse health care settings such as private office practice, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, managed care facilities and retail-based clinics, with many practicing in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000; and
- WHEREAS,** established in 1991, the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners is the only official organization for nurse practitioners in Louisiana and currently has 1270 members.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2017 as

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of
Baton Rouge, on this 12th day of November
A.D., 2017.*

John Bel Edwards
Governor of Louisiana