

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, NPs are Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNPs) who have advanced clinical education and training building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 234,000 licensed ARNPs in the United States, and over 7,500 in Washington State, providing primary, acute, and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and

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

**WHEREAS**, residents of our state and nation have great trust in the high-quality care NPs provide, resulting in over a billion patient visits annually across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by NPs, and better utilization of NPs through modernized state laws and improved system policies supports better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective health care system;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 11-17, 2018, as

### *Nurse Practitioner Week*

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in recognizing the countless contributions that nurse practitioners have made over the past half century, and that they will continue to make, to the health and well-being of the people in our state.



Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018

Governor Jay Inslee