



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, nurse practitioners (NPs) serve as trusted front-line health care providers for patients in our state;

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

Whereas, NPs are working tirelessly to diagnose and treat patients with COVID-19 to combat community spread nationwide;

Whereas, there are more than 290,000 licensed NPs in the United States, and 2,500 in Utah providing primary, acute, and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life;

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;

Whereas, the confidence that patients have in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than one billion annual patient visits made to NPs across the country;

Whereas, more than five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by NPs; and,

Whereas, Utah is proud to recognize the countless contributions NPs have made over the past half century and will continue to make a substantial difference in the lives of patients;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the great State of Utah, do hereby declare November 8-14 2020, as

Nurse Practitioner Week in Utah

Gary R. Herbert
Governor