STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioners serve as trusted health care providers for patients in our State; and

WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioners work to expand access to care in underserved communities, end health disparities and combat systemic racism in health care; and

WHEREAS, patients depend on the more than 431,000 licensed Nurse Practitioners in the United States, and more than 16,000 licensed Nurse Practitioners in New Jersey to diagnose, manage and treat their chronic and acute health care conditions; and

WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioners provide high-quality primary, acute and specialty health care services while emphasizing health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices every day; and

WHEREAS, the confidence that patients have in Nurse Practitioner-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than one billion visits made annually to Nurse Practitioners across the country; and

WHEREAS, more than five decades of research confirms the high quality of care provided by Nurse Practitioners; and

WHEREAS, better utilization of Nurse Practitioners through modernized state laws and improved policies creates better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher-quality health care system; and

WHEREAS, more than half the nation – including 27 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands – has enacted Full Practice Authority legislation, offering patients full and direct access to the outstanding care offered by Nurse Practitioners; 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 providing patients full and direct access to Nurse Practitioners care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

NOVEMBER 8 THROUGH NOVEMBER 14, 2026
AS
NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

in the Garden State.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-seventh day of October in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fifty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

Mikie Sherrill
GOVERNOR