RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

WHEREAS, there are 15,441 nurse practitioners licensed in the state of Florida providing high-quality, cost-effective, and personalized health care for more than 45 years; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners have graduate, advanced education, and advanced clinical training beyond their initial registered nurse preparation; 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 healthcare of their patients, so that in addition to clinical services, nurse practitioners focus on health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, and guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

WHEREAS, the excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by nurse practitioners is established and well documented; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners provide healthcare to people of all ages and in diverse healthcare settings such as private office practices, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, managed-care facilities, and retail-based clinics;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 10 – 16, 2013, as *Nurse Practitioner Week.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee the Capital, this 12th day of November, in the year two thousand thirteen.

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Governor