

Proclamation # 54-11/2012 Nurse Practitioner (NP) Week 2012

Whereas, there are 7,830 licensed NPs in the Tennessee, with 12 in Macon County providing high-quality, cost-effective, patient centered, personalized healthcare for nearly half a century; and

Whereas, NPs have graduate, advanced education (most have master's degrees and many have doctorates) and advanced clinical training beyond their initial registered nurse preparation, and

Whereas, NPs order, perform and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions, and prescribe medications and other treatments, and

Whereas, NPs are truly partners in the healthcare of their patients, so that in addition to clinical services, NPs focus on health promotion, disease prevention and health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices, and

Whereas, the excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by NPs is established and well-documented; and

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

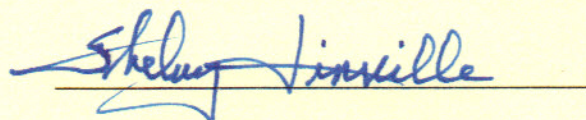
Whereas, more than 18 percent of NPs practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000; and

Whereas, it is documented that patients of NPs are given more personal time and attention than they traditionally receive from other healthcare providers; be it

Resolved, THEREFORE, that I, Shelvy Linville hereby declare November 11 – 17, 2012 as

Nurse Practitioner Week

in recognition of the many contributions that this dedicated group of healthcare professionals makes to the health and well-being of the people they serve in this great county.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Shelvy Linville", is written over a horizontal line.

County Mayor