

Nurse Practitioner Week, November 11-17



Pictured above are Janice York, FNP Armadillo Medical Services, Lenore Wix, FNP Macon County Health Dept. (Primary Care), Chaundrel Presley, FNP Primary Healthcare Group, Andrea Brooks, FNP Primary Healthcare Group, Priscilla A. Hale, FNP Primary Healthcare Group and Macon County Mayor Shelvy Linville, who signed Proclamation #54-11/2012 on Thursday, November 8, declaring November 11-17 as Nurse Practitioner Week in Macon County. (Photo by: J. Williams)

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Macon County Mayor Shelvy Linville signed Proclamation #54-11/2012 on Thursday, November 8, declaring the week of November 11-17, 2012, Nurse Practitioner Week in Macon County.

Nurse Practitioners, or NPs, perform and interpret

diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions and prescribe medications and other treatments. These healthcare professionals have graduate, advanced clinical training that goes beyond their initial registered nurse preparation.

There are currently

155,000 Nurse Practitioners practicing in the U.S., 7,830 licensed NPs in the state of Tennessee, and 12 practicing in Macon County.

NPs have striven to provide high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered, personalized healthcare for nearly half a century.