



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there are more than 170,000 licensed Nurse Practitioners in the United States, with over 6,800 Advanced Practice Nurses in New Jersey, providing high-quality, cost-effective, patient centered healthcare for nearly half a century; 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 medical and mental health conditions, and prescribe medications, devices 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 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 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 practice, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, managed care facilities, federal health care systems and retail-based clinics; and

WHEREAS, it is documented that patients of Nurse Practitioners are given more personal time and have high patient satisfaction scores;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

NOVEMBER 13 - NOVEMBER 19, 2016

AS

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

in New Jersey in recognition of the many contributions that this dedicated group of healthcare professionals makes to the health and well-being of the people in the communities they serve in this great State and throughout the country.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this tenth day of October in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

Chris Christie

Lt. GOVERNOR

Debra F. Gans

GOVERNOR