



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners serve as the primary care provider of choice for many Floridians and play a pivotal role in the health and wellness of our communities; and

WHEREAS, patients depend on the more than 385,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States and over 50,000 in Florida to diagnose, manage, and treat their chronic and acute healthcare conditions; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners provide high-quality primary, acute, and specialty healthcare 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 healthcare is evidenced by the more than one billion visits made annually to nurse practitioners across the country; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has approved funding for programs to expand Florida's capacity to train nurse practitioners through education. This includes \$130 million in FY 2024-2025 for the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund and the Prepping Institutions, Programs, Employers and Learners through Incentives for Nursing Education (PIPELINE) Fund. This funding is in addition to \$250 million appropriated in FY 2022-2023 and FY 2023-2024, bringing the total investment to \$380 million; and

WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioner Week is an opportunity to recognize the significant role that nurse practitioners play in our healthcare system and the impact they make on the well-being of our families and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 10 – 16, 2024, as *Nurse Practitioner Week in Florida*.



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 10th day of November, in the year two thousand twenty-four.


Governor