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GOVERNOR SCOTT ISSUES PROCLAMATION ON NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Governor Scott this week issued a proclamation for Nurse Practitioners conveying his good wishes in observation of Nurse Practitioner Week, which is November 13-19, 2011.

The Proclamation states that the safety and high quality of care delivered by Nurse Practitioners is well documented and that there are more than 150,000 Nurse Practitioners nationwide.

The Proclamation comes at the same time that Florida Tax Watch issued a policy statement recommending changing state laws that restrict the practice of Nurse Practitioners. Nurse Practitioners can save the state hundreds of millions annually while increasing access to health care.

“We are thrilled to see Governor Scott make this proclamation,” said Mai Kung, President of the Tallahassee Area Council of Advanced Practice Nurses. “Nurse Practitioners have much to offer the citizens of this state, but outdated laws restricting our practice must be changed”.

Susan Lynch of CAP-PAC agrees. “The state studied this issue last year and proved hundreds of millions annually could be saved if Nurse Practitioners could practice to their full extent of education and certification. The laws are stopping people from getting care and driving up costs.”

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