



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, nurse practitioners (NPs) are trusted frontline health care providers for patients in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, NPs are highly skilled professionals with advanced education and clinical training; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 270,000 licensed NPs in the United States, and 1,231 advanced practice registered nurses in Hawai'i providing primary, acute and specialty care to patients; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to diagnosing and treating acute and chronic conditions, NPs focus on disease prevention and health education, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

**WHEREAS**, better utilization of NPs through modernized state laws and improved system policies creates better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher quality health care system; and

**WHEREAS**, 22 states, including Hawai'i, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands have implemented Full Practice Authority for NPs, granting patients full and direct access to the outstanding care offered by these health care providers; and

**WHEREAS**, leading governmental and policy entities including the National Academy of Medicine, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, National Governors Association and Federal Trade Commission have taken notice of the benefits of NP Full Practice Authority and have endorsed a similar regulatory model;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 10-16, 2019 as**

## **“NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and honoring the countless contributions NPs have made over the past half century and will continue to make to the health and well-being of citizens in our state.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of November 2019.

**JOSHUA B. GREEN**  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

**DAVID Y. IGE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i