



Proclamation

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners (NPs) play a critical role as trusted providers of health care for patients in our state; and

WHEREAS, NPs work to expand health care access in underserved communities and promote health equity in care; and

WHEREAS, patients depend on the more than 355,000 licensed NPs in the United States, and more than 2,000 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) in Hawai'i to diagnose, manage their plan of care, and treat their chronic and acute health care conditions; and

WHEREAS, all NPs are APRNs and APRNs are registered nurses educated at Masters or post-Masters level and in a specific role and patient population; and

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

WHEREAS, more than half the nation—including 26 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands—has adopted Full Practice Authority licensure laws for NPs, offering patients full and direct access to all the services that NPs are equipped to provide; and

WHEREAS, NPs serve as the primary care provider of choice for many Hawai'i residents and play a pivotal role in the health and welfare of our communities; and


WHEREAS, Hawai'i is proud to recognize and honor the service of NPs to our state;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim November 13–19, 2022 as

“NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing that nurse practitioners are at the forefront of healthcare reform and celebrating the work of nurse practitioners who are expanding and improving care for the public.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-first day of October 2022.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i