



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners serve as trusted health care providers for patients in our state; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners are at the forefront of efforts to combat COVID-19, educating patients about prevention and ensuring the equitable distribution of vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners work to expand access to care in underserved communities, end health disparities, and combat systemic racism in health care; and

WHEREAS, patients depend on the more than 325,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States, and more than 12,000 in Missouri to diagnose, manage, and treat their chronic and acute health care conditions; and

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

WHEREAS, more than five decades of research confirms the high quality of care provided by nurse practitioners; and

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

WHEREAS, Missouri is proud to recognize and honor the service of nurse practitioners to our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim November 7-13, 2021, to be

NURSE PRACTITIONERS WEEK

in Missouri, and recognize the countless contributions nurse practitioners have made over the past half century and will continue to make on behalf of the health and well-being of citizens in our state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 18th day of October, 2021.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE