



*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

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

**WHEREAS**, nurse practitioners work to expand health care access in underserved communities, promote health equity in care; and

**WHEREAS**, patients depend on the more than 355,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States, and more than 13,930 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 13 - 19, 2022, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE