

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

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

**Whereas,** patients depend on the more than 355,000 licensed NPs in the United States, and 3,911 in West Virginia to diagnose, manage, and treat their chronic and acute health care conditions; and

**Whereas,** NPs 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 NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than 1 billion visits made annually to NPs across the country; and

**Whereas,** more than five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by NPs; and

**Whereas,** better utilization of NPs 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,** more than half the nation — including 26 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands — has adopted Full Practice Authority legislation, offering patients full and direct access to the outstanding care provided by NPs; 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 providing patients full and direct access to NP-delivered care; and

**Whereas,** NPs serve as the primary care provider of choice for many West Virginians and play a pivotal role in the health and welfare of our communities.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *November 13-19, 2022* as:


## *National Nurse Practitioner Week*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Seventh Day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State