



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the Empire State places the highest priority on quality health care for all of our residents and appreciates the many professionals who contribute to our state's excellent system of health care, including nurse practitioners, who work in a variety of settings, ranging from outpatient clinics, hospitals and nursing homes, to schools and private offices; and

Whereas, nurse practitioner programs serve as a bridge within the health care community, having first been developed in the 1960s by public health pioneers Dr. Henry K. Silver and Dr. Loretta Ford as a means of offering primary health care in under-populated and rural areas; and

Whereas, in response to the need for more physicians, Drs. Silver and Ford acted to make health care accessible to all people, establishing the first Nurse Practitioner Program, which gave registered nurses the capability to offer specified primary health care services; and

Whereas, the success of the Nurse Practitioner Program was immediate and the movement grew; today, advanced educational programs give many nurses the opportunity to increase their medical knowledge and fill crucial health care needs within our society; and

Whereas, this year marks the 29th anniversary of the enactment of Chapter 257 of the New York Laws of 1988 – the legislation that recognized nurse practitioners as a new type of licensed and certified health care provider and established their scope of practice, enabling them to act as health care providers in various capacities; and

Whereas, throughout this state, nearly 24,000 nurse practitioners serve as an integral component of our health care system, focusing on prevention as well as treatment of health problems, and it is fitting that we recognize these professionals for their dedication, compassion and significant contributions to the health and well-being of New Yorkers;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2017 as

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this seventh day
of November in the year two thousand seventeen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa