



**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

***NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK IN FLORIDA***

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

**WHEREAS, nurse practitioners serve as the primary care provider of choice for many Floridians and play a pivotal role in the health and welfare of our communities; and**

**WHEREAS, patients depend on the more than 355,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States, and over 40,000 in Florida, 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 1 billion visits made annually to nurse practitioners across the country; and**

**WHEREAS, in January 2023, Governor DeSantis announced \$79 million in funding for high-performing nursing education programs and health care partnerships, which rewarded postsecondary nursing programs that train Floridians and provides matching funds for scholarship awards, faculty recruitment, equipment, and additional education supports; and**


**WHEREAS, Florida has created and funded programs to expand our state's ability to train nurse practitioners through education by Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) and Prepping Institutions, Programs, Employers and Learners through Incentives for Nursing Education (PIPELINE); and**

**WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioner Week is an opportunity to recognize the significant role that nurse practitioners play in our healthcare system and the impact they make on the well-being of our families and communities.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 12-18, 2023, as *Nurse Practitioner Week in Florida*.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year two thousand twenty-three.**



  
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Governor