



RON DE SANTIS
GOVERNOR

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK IN FLORIDA

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 nearly 51,000 in Florida, 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, 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, NPs 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, in 2022 Governor DeSantis announced \$89 million in funding for workforce education initiatives, including the development of critical workforce need pathways for nursing and healthcare programs, as well as over \$125 million for nursing education; and

WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioners 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 13-19, 2022, 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 7th day of November, in the year two thousand twenty-two.

A blue ink signature of Ron DeSantis, which appears to read "R. DeSantis".

Governor