



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

WHEREAS, there are 15,000 nurse practitioners licensed in the state of Florida providing high-quality, cost-effective, and personalized health care for more than 45 years; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners have graduate-level, advanced education and advanced clinical training beyond their initial registered nurse preparation; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners are truly partners in the health care of their patients, so that in addition to clinical services, nurse practitioners focus on health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, and guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners provide health care to people of all ages and in diverse health care settings such as private office practices, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, managed-care facilities, and retail-based clinics; and

WHEREAS, more than 18 percent of nurse practitioners practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000; and

WHEREAS, it is documented that patients of nurse practitioners generally are given more personal time and attention than they traditionally receive from other health care providers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 10 – 16, 2014, as *Nurse Practitioner Week*.

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 6th day of November, in the year two thousand fourteen.



A blue ink signature of Rick Scott, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

Governor