

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon recognizes that advanced practice providers (APPs)—including nurse practitioners, physician associates (formerly physician assistants), certified nurse-midwives, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse anesthetists—are highly trained, non-physician clinicians who assess, diagnose, treat patients, prescribe medications, and develop care plans, significantly expanding healthcare access across diverse settings; and
- WHEREAS:** In Oregon, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and certified registered nurse anesthetists licensed as independent practitioners (LIPs) are authorized to practice autonomously—without collaborative agreements—while remaining accountable for clinical decision-making and patient outcomes; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon made history in 2024 as the first state to rebrand physician assistants as “physician associates,” a move reflecting their expanded prominence; and
- WHEREAS:** Across the United States, the collective workforce of PAs and other APPs is projected to surpass the number of physician primary care providers by 2031—a testament to their growing centrality in meeting healthcare demands; and
- WHEREAS:** National Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Week—observed annually during the fourth week of September—celebrates and raises public awareness of these dedicated professionals who provide essential, high-quality care throughout our communities.

NOW,
THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim September 22-28, 2025 to be

NATIONAL ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER WEEK

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day September 18, 2025.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tina Kotek".

Tina Kotek, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tobias J. Read".

Tobias Read, Secretary of State