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As recent public health crises have so poignantly demonstrated, our entire society depends upon the men and women of the health care industry. As our population continues to grow and age, the need for skilled nurses has likewise grown. The nursing profession has grown in scope and status for decades, and today, we have come to depend upon nurses for personalized care and for sound medical guidance. From mild illnesses to life-threatening catastrophes, nurse practitioners, in particular, enable people across the state and nation to rise above their health challenges and pursue the best possible quality of life.

Nurse practitioners assist patients by administering and interpreting advanced diagnostic tests, assessing and treating acute conditions and chronic diseases, and prescribing medicines that facilitate healing and recovery. Although the demands of the profession are immense, nurse practitioners confront them with competence and courage in equal measure, and they never cease to use their expertise in service to those in need. Their earnest commitment to excellence and community service represents the best of the Lone Star State, and nurse practitioners are utterly indispensable to our health care system and, by extension, to our nation.

Each November, a week is set aside to honor our nurse practitioners and to recognize their manifold contributions to modern medicine. Across the nation, concerned citizens and advocacy organizations labor in common cause to bolster public support for these heroic men and women. At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize and celebrate our nurse practitioners, who will no doubt help to pave the way for a healthier, happier future.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim November 13–19, 2022, to be

## **Nurse Practitioner Week**



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 10th day of October, 2022.

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Governor of Texas