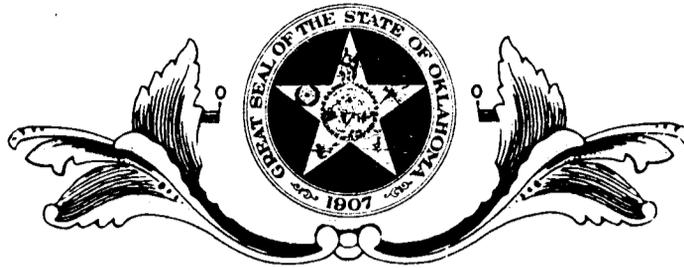


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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## Proclamation

Whereas, there are more than 180,000 licensed Nurse Practitioners (NPs) in the United States with more than 1,500 NPs practicing in the state of Oklahoma, providing high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered, and personalized healthcare for nearly half a century; and

Whereas, NPs have graduate, advanced education including master's degrees and doctorates; and

Whereas, NPs order, perform and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions, and prescribe medications and other treatments; and

Whereas, NPs are truly partners in the healthcare of their patients; in addition to clinical services, NPs focus on health promotion, disease prevention, health education, counseling, and guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

Whereas, NPs provide healthcare to people of all ages and in diverse settings such as private office practice, 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 NPs practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000; and

Whereas, it is documented that patients of NPs are given more personal time and attention than is traditionally received from other healthcare providers;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim November 10<sup>th</sup> through November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as

### "Oklahoma Nurse Practitioner Week"

in the state of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

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