

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, nurse practitioners are masters or doctorate educated advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs); and

**Whereas**, nurse practitioners diagnose, treat and prescribe medications and other treatments to patients through a caring, patient-centered, holistic model of care; and

**Whereas**, there are 222,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States, and 1500 in Oklahoma, providing primary, acute and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and

**Whereas**, nurse practitioners advocate for health improvement and access to care for all Oklahomans by practicing in private and community centers, hospitals, academic centers, long-term care facilities, military hospitals, free clinics, and convenient or urgent care clinics; and

**Whereas**, better utilization of nurse practitioners through modernized state laws and improved system policies creates a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher quality health care system; and

**Whereas**, Oklahoma is proud to recognize and honor nurse practitioners in our state who devote their lives to improving patient access to quality health care;

**Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim the week of November 13, 2016, as

### **“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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.*

*AD Cox*

*Mary Fallin*

ATTEST:

Acting Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

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