

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners serve as trusted frontline health care providers for patients in our state; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners are highly skilled practitioners with advanced education and clinical training which builds upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and

WHEREAS, there are 985 licensed nurse practitioners in Vermont providing primary, acute and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and

WHEREAS, in addition to diagnosing and treating acute and chronic conditions, nurse practitioners focus on health promotion, disease prevention and health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

WHEREAS, the confidence patients have in nurse practitioner-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than one billion annual patient visits made to nurse practitioners across the country; and

WHEREAS, more than five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by nurse practitioners; and

WHEREAS, Vermont is among 22 states and the District of Columbia which have implemented Full Practice Authority for nurse practitioners, including Vermont, granting patients full and direct access to the outstanding care offered by these health care providers; and

WHEREAS, Vermont is proud to recognize and honor the service of all nurse practitioners to our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 11-17, 2018 as

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of October, A.D. 2018



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Jaye Pershing Johnson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Philip B. Scott', written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott
Governor