

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** nurse practitioners (NPs) serve as trusted health care providers for patients in Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2020, we celebrate the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife; and
- WHEREAS,** NPs are working tirelessly to diagnose and treat patients with COVID-19 and to combat community spread nationwide, while grieving NP colleagues who have lost their lives during the pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** NPs work to expand access to care in underserved communities, end health disparities and combat systemic racism in health care; and
- WHEREAS,** NPs provide high-quality primary, acute and specialty care services while focusing on health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling to help patients make smarter health and lifestyle choices every day; and
- WHEREAS,** NPs are highly skilled practitioners with advanced education and clinical training, building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and
- WHEREAS,** patients' confidence in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than one billion visits made annually to NPs across the country; and
- WHEREAS,** more than five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by NPs; and
- WHEREAS,** there are more than 290,000 licensed NPs in the United States, and 1,262 licensed in Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** better utilization of NPs through modernized state laws and improved policies creates better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher quality health care system; and
- WHEREAS,** 22 states (including Vermont), the District of Columbia, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands have implemented Full Practice Authority for NPs, granting patients full and direct access to the outstanding care offered by these health care providers; and
- WHEREAS,** leading governmental and policy entities including the National Academy of Medicine, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, National Governors Association and Federal Trade Commission

have taken notice of the benefits of NP Full Practice Authority and have endorsed such a regulatory model; and

WHEREAS,

Vermont is proud to recognize and honor the service of its NPs.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim November 9-13, 2020 as

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

in Vermont and recognize the countless contributions NPs have made over the past half century and will continue to make on behalf of the health and well-being of Vermonters.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 21st day of October, A.D. 2020.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", written over a horizontal line.
Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs