



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, nurse practitioners (NPs) serve as trusted health care providers for patients in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, NPs are at the forefront of efforts to combat COVID-19, educate patients about prevention and ensure the equitable distribution of vaccinations; and

**WHEREAS**, NPs work to expand access to care in underserved communities, end health disparities and combat systemic racism in health care; and

**WHEREAS**, patients depend on the more than 325,000 licensed NPs in the United States and more than 1,000 in Hawai'i to diagnose, manage and treat their chronic and acute health care conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, NPs provide high-quality primary, acute and specialty health care services while emphasizing health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices every day; and

**WHEREAS**, the confidence that patients have in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than 1 billion visits made annually to NPs across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, more than five decades of research confirms the high quality of care provided by NPs; 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**, 23 states, 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 professionals; and

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim November 7–13, 2021 as

## **“NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing 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 citizens in our state.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of November 2021.

  
DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i