

WHEREAS; according to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, there are more than 290,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States; and

WHEREAS; nurse practitioners serve as trusted healthcare providers for patients across Wisconsin, providing high-quality primary, acute, and specialty care services while focusing on health promotion, disease prevention, health education, and counseling; and

WHEREAS; nurse practitioners guide patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices every day, and are committed to expanding access to care in underserved communities, ending institutionalized disparities in health outcomes, and combatting systemic racism in healthcare; and

WHEREAS; as highly skilled practitioners with advanced education and clinical training, the confidence that patients have in the healthcare services that nurse practitioners deliver is evidenced by the more than one billion visits made annually to nurse practitioners across our country; and

WHEREAS; this year, as we collectively face the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we recognize our state's nurse practitioners who are working tirelessly to diagnose and treat patients and combat community spread; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, we reaffirm our commitment to building a high-quality, affordable healthcare infrastructure that works for everyone and thank the nurse practitioners working throughout Wisconsin for their help in actualizing this vision each and every day; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in commending our nurse practitioners for their selflessness, sacrifice, and empathy on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, and for the important work that they do year-round to keep us all safe, healthy, and supported;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 8 through 14, 2020, as

WISCONSIN NURSE PRACTITIONERS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 22nd day of October 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State